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Economy likely to grow by 6.5% to 7% this year: Survey

The document, released on the eve of Budget, says that the economy has broadly caught up with pre-COVID growth trends; it stresses need to address inequality, unemployment as policy priority

Going strong, concerns remain

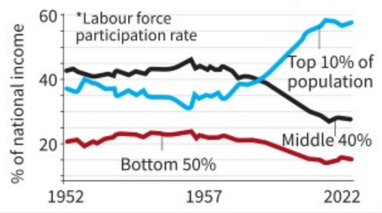
While the 2024 Economic Survey said the economy is resilient, it warned about widening inequality and the need to add lakhs of jobs annually

Consistent growth

Real GDP grew by 8.2% in FY24, posting growth in excess of 7% for a third year

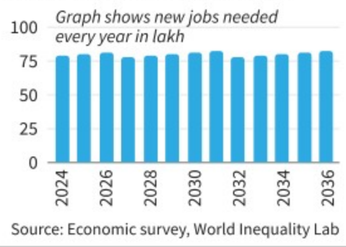
Widening inequality

Informal sector integration and expansion of female LFPR* in focus to address inequality



Quantum of new jobs needed

India needs to generate nearly 78.5 lakh jobs annually until 2030 in the non-farm sector to cater to the rising workforce



Source: Economic survey, World Inequality Lab

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

The Indian economy has broadly caught up with pre-COVID growth trends, averting any permanent scarring, and is likely to grow by 6.5% to 7% this year with prospects of clocking 7%-plus growth in coming years, as per the Economic Survey for 2023-24 that also drew attention to the need to address inequality and unemployment as a policy priority.

Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) V. Anantha Nageswaran, the lead author of the Survey, made a pitch for the Union and State governments to let go of their myriad regulatory powers to ease the burden on businesses. He also prodded the corporate sector, "swimming in excess profits", to take responsibility of generating productive jobs in its own "enlightened self-interest".

Noting that IT sector hiring has slowed significantly in the last two years, the CEA urged Indian industry to think harder about how AI can augment labour rather than displace workers and wrote: "Deploying capital-intensive and energy-intensive AI is probably one of the last things a growing, lower-middle-income economy needs."

Skilling initiatives

The authors of the Survey, which was tabled by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in Parliament on Monday, mooted steps to tackle inequality, improve the young population's health in the short to medium term, and bridge the education-employment gap. They also sought a reboot of skilling initiatives to help the industry find people with the "right attitude and skills".

The corporates benefit from the higher demand generated by employment and income growth, while the financial sector benefits from channelling household savings for investment purposes, but "short-termism" can weaken these linkages, the CEA sought to convey to the industry.

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State set to oppose NEET, 'One Nation, One Election'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a significant development, the Karnataka government on Monday decided to oppose NEET and 'One Nation, One Election' through a resolution that is expected to be placed before the Legislative Assembly in the ongoing Monsoon session of the legislature.

The decision came at the Cabinet meeting held here, and the government has also decided to oppose the delimitation exercise to be taken up for the Assembly and Lok Sabha constituencies based on the 2011 census figures that is expected to put southern States at a disadvantage, compared to the northern States.

Currently, the 1971 census figure is the basis for drawing up Assembly and Lok Sabha constituencies in the country.

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Kanwar Yatra row: SC stays order on stalls

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday prohibited the enforcement of directives issued by the Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand governments requiring food stalls *en route* the Kanwar Yatra to prominently exhibit the names and other identity details of their owners and employees.

A Bench of Justices Hrishikesh Roy and S.V.N. Bhatti said stalls, hawkers, vegetable sellers, *dhaba* owners, etc., on the Kanwariya route were free to display the kind of food they sold but should not be compelled by the police to display the names or, for that matter, the caste or religious identity of their owners or employees.

Hindu devotees during the Kanwar Yatra in Varanasi on Monday. AFP

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Case against 2 ED officials

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State police have booked two Directorate of Enforcement (ED) officials for allegedly trying to force a State government employee to name Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and former Minister B. Nagendra in the case of financial irregularities at the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Ltd.

Five Ministers had alleged that ED officers were coercing those questioned in the scam to name the CM and the Dy. CM.

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SC directs IIT-Delhi to solve 'ambiguous' NEET question

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The answer will impact total marks of over 4 lakh students, including 44 who got perfect scores

The Supreme Court on Monday asked the Indian Institute of Technology-Delhi Director to assign three of its finest professors to solve a tricky and "ambiguous" question in the NEET-UG 2024 exam's Physics paper within 24 hours and report back.

Their answer would impact the total marks of over four lakh candidates, including 44 students who got perfect scores in the exam.

The order came at the end of a day-long hearing of petitions seeking a re-examination amidst allegations of question paper leaks and other irregularities that have plagued the exam held on May 5.

The NEET question under the lens deals with two statements about the nature of atoms. The first statement is "atoms are electrically neutral as they contain an equal number of positive and negative charges". The second is "atoms of each element are stable and emit their characteristic spectrum". The students were given four options on the correctness of the two statements.

Over 4.2 lakh students went for the second option, which was correct according to an old version of the standard National Council of Education Research and Training (NCERT) textbook, while 9.28 lakh students chose the fourth option as their answer, which is right according to the new edition of the NCERT textbook.

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The dawn of the SKY era

Less than a month since ending its ICC trophy drought in Barbados, the Indian T20 team has entered a transition phase; Suryakumar has been anointed the captain for the Sri Lanka series and a host of players under him will now fight it out over the next two years to stake claim for spots

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It has been less than a month since the Men in Blue capped an invincible run at the T20 World Cup with silverware and ended their 11-year-old ICC trophy drought on a drizzly afternoon at the Kensington Oval in Barbados. As the players shed tears of joy and shook their legs to *Bhangra* on the land of the Caribbean calypso, a nation rejoiced to the fullest.

However, much water has flown under the bridge since then. Captain Rohit Sharma, talisman batter Virat Kohli and star all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja have all called it a day from the shortest format. A Zimbabwe T20 series followed in a trice and a young squad under Shubman Gill sailed through with a 4-1 victory.

Rahul Dravid passed on the mantle of coaching duties to his former teammate Gautam Gambhir, and the latter's term began with a bolt from the blue – Suryakumar Yadav was anointed the captain of the T20I team for the Sri Lanka series over World Cup vice-captain Hardik Pandya. With eyes set on the 2026 T20 World Cup in India and Sri Lanka, the defending champion has hit the reset button, and a host of players will now fight it out over the next two years to fill the holes left by the seniors as well as stake claim for other positions. As the Suryakumar-Gambhir era in T20Is begins in Sri Lanka later this month, the vast pool of players offers them scope for as many permutations and combinations as there.

The traffic at the top

Having to replace two legends of the game at the top order in one go might not be an easy task for many teams. For India, however, with as many as four players putting their hands up already for the two available spots, the dilemma is in fact to fit all of them into the scheme of things and then pick the best two. In Yashasvi Jaiswal, Gill, Ruturaj Gaikwad and Abhishek Sharma, India has four openers who have a T20I century against their name.

The Zimbabwe series and the squad for the Sri Lanka series, however, show that Gill and Jaiswal clearly have their nose ahead. Jaiswal, who warmed the bench for a month in the Caribbean and the USA, has a T20I career strike-rate of over 160 and can don Rohit's all-out attack role and set the tone early in the PowerPlay. In Gill, the team sees a bankable batter and a future captain. His sudden elevation as the vice-captain of both the white ball squads, overtaking seniors like Rishabh Pant in T20Is and K.L. Rahul and Shreyas Iyer in ODIs, shows the management's faith in the prodigy on the rise.

For a stylish Ruturaj, who came second in the Orange Cap race in IPL 2024 and a flamboyant Abhishek, who hit 42 sixes – the most by any batter in the season – the omissions from the Sri Lanka tour squad can be a tough pill to swallow. But if there comes a need, both batters have shown that they can fit into the role perfectly. Abhishek, with his handy left-arm orthodox spin as a secondary skill, is especially a tantalising option for the management to add more flexibility to the playing XI.

Core intact

The middle-order core of Pant, Suryakumar, Shivam Dube, Hardik Pandya and Sanju Samson remains intact from the World Cup even as Rinku Singh makes his return to the squad from the reserves and Riyan Parag gets his reward for a breakout domestic and IPL season. With Pant at No. 3 and captain Suryakumar at No. 4, India will look to continue with the left-right combination that brought success in the World Cup.

While Pant has proven to be a reliable enforcer to walk in even at the loss of an early wicket in the PowerPlay, Suryakumar, the second-ranked batter in the format, has been the disruptor who throws opposition tactics out of gear with his pyrotechnics and all-round strokeplay.

Though Dube, the specialist spin-hitter, wasn't at his fluent best in the World Cup, he is still a beast with the willow on Indian pitches and a part-time medium-pace option, if needed.

However, he will have to be on his toes to make the spot his own as fellow southpaw Rinku, who was edged out by him from the World Cup squad, has not put a foot wrong in his 20-match-old T20I career and boasts an enviable strike rate of 176 at an average of 83.2.

After carving out a dream redemption arc at the World Cup by ending up as one of the most valuable players for the team, Hardik now finds himself without a leadership role. He will, however, continue to hold sway over the team's combinations as a finisher with the bat and a third seamer with the ball.

While Samson and Parag add heft to the middle-order, the likes of Dhruv Jurel, Nitish Kumar Reddy and Sai Sudarshan wait on the fringes to get into the reckoning.

The spin stocks

The World Cup spin-trio of Kuldeep Yadav, Axar Patel and Jadeja needs reinforcement after the latter's retirement.

In the Zimbabwe series, India assigned the role to Washington Sundar, and he took the opportunity with both hands as he finished as the Player-of-the-Series with eight scalps in five matches at an economy of just over five. The Tamil Nadu all-rounder, who has been plagued by injuries and a victim of the Impact Player rule in the IPL that cut down his playing time, adds the missing off-spinning all-rounder dimension to the team.

While spin spearhead Kuldeep has bamboozled batters ever since he found a second wind in his sails, left-armer Axar has shown that he is the man for crises with both bat and ball. Ravi Bishnoi, the No. 1 bowler in the format just months before the World Cup, after being overlooked for seasoned campaigner Yuzvendra Chahal, now finds himself back in the mix even as Chahal misses out. Mystery spinner Varun Chakaravarthy, the second highest wicket-taker in IPL 2024, and left-arm spinner R. Sai Kishore, a proven performer in the domestic circuit over the years, could also get a look-in at some point.

The pace battery

As India, like any other team in the world, will look to wrap "national treasure" Jasprit Bumrah in cotton wool and not play him in every bilateral series, several pacers are waiting in the wings of the team to prove themselves. While Arshdeep Singh, the joint highest wicket-taker in the T20 World Cup, and Mohammed Siraj are expected to lead the attack in Bumrah's absence, the likes of Khaleel Ahmed, Avesh Khan and Mukesh Kumar will have to pull out all stops to secure a spot.

With Chennai Super Kings medium-pacer Tushar Deshpande given his debut in the Zimbabwe series and Kolkata Knight Riders' aggressive pacer Harshit Rana inducted into the ODI squad for the Sri Lanka series, the options are aplenty for the management in this department as well.

As the sun sets on the emerald island of Sri Lanka on June 27, the dawn of the SKY era will break in T20Is for India. Can another Mumbaikar herald a new chapter in the shortest format and lead the defending champion to global glory in two years? Can Gambhir wield his IPL magic wand in international cricket? Only time will tell.

THE GIST

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- With eyes set on the 2026 T20 World Cup in India and Sri Lanka, the defending champion has hit the reset button, and a host of players will now fight it out over the next two years to fill the holes left by the seniors as well as stake claim for other positions
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Suraj Revanna granted conditional bail

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After close to a month-long imprisonment at the central prison of Parappana Agarahara, the Special Court of Magistrate for criminal cases against former and present MPs and MLAs on Monday granted conditional bail to Suraj Revanna, JD(S) MLC, in a case of alleged sexual harassment.

Apart from executing a personal bond of ₹2 lakh along with two sureties, the court has also imposed conditions to furnish his passport and directed him not to leave the State without a written permission from the court.

He is also not to threaten or tamper with the prosecution witnesses or the complainant and victim. The court also directed Suraj not to evade the investigation and appear before the investigating officer whenever summoned. The court also granted him anticipatory bail in a second FIR, in which he was accused of sexual abuse by one of his associates.

The SIT CID arrested Suraj on June 23 following an FIR under Sections 377 (carnal intercourse against the order of nature), 342 (wrongful confinement) and 506 (intentional insult to provoke breach of the peace).

Cabinet clears draft Bill to restructure BBMP

Its introduction in the Assembly has been listed today; Chief Minister will be heading the Greater Bengaluru Authority under which multiple corporations will be functioning

The Hindu Bureau
BENGAURU

The draft Greater Bengaluru Governance Bill, 2024, which seeks to carve out the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) into multiple corporations, received Cabinet approval on Monday. This paves the way for its introduction in the ongoing monsoon session of the legislature.

As per the Legislative Assembly schedule, the introduction of the draft Bill has been listed for Tuesday. Sources said that the Chief Minister will be heading the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) under which multiple corporations would be functioning.

The final draft of the Bill is a departure from the draft that was submitted by the four-member Brand Bengaluru Committee, formerly the BBMP Restructuring Committee.

Sources said that a petition by former BBMP councillors in the Supreme Court seeking directions to the State government to hold immediate elections to the civic body will come up for hearing on Tuesday.

The proposed Greater Bengaluru Authority will also get a share of the property tax collected by multiple corporations.

Incidentally, the previous the term of the BBMP council ended on September 2020, and it has been under the administrator's rule since then.

Many reforms junked

Significantly, the draft Bill passed in the Cabinet on Monday junks reforms like Mayor-in-Council in corporations and proportional representation in ward committees, recommended by the Brand Bengaluru Committee earlier.

Major changes have been made in the GBA compared to the draft Bill presented by the committee. The GBA will be an executive body with functions like major roads, projects, storm-water drains, and solid waste management vested with it. The GBA will also get a share of the property tax collected by multiple corporations.

In contrast to what has been passed by the Cabinet, the recommendations by the Brand Bengaluru Committee had given full autonomy to the corporations in terms of its revenue and finances.

While all MLAs and MPs were to be members of the GBA as per the committee's recommendations, the draft Bill does not make all MLAs and MPs members.

Discussion on draft Bill for quota deferred

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State Cabinet which met on Monday deferred discussion on the draft Karnataka State Employment of Local Candidates in the Industries, Factories and Other Establishments Bill, 2024. It had cleared it at the last meeting, but had withdrawn it after backlash.

The decision could effectively mean that the draft Bill will not be introduced in the ongoing monsoon session of the legislature. Sources said the Congress high command had also asked the government to go slow on the draft Bill.

Another proposal to increase working hours in the IT sector to 14 was also deferred for wider consultations, and the Cabinet also seems to be divided over the two draft Bills, sources added.

Union plans campaign against 14-hour workday

Shilpa Elizabeth
BENGALURU

The Karnataka State IT/ITeS Employees' Union (KITU) is planning massive campaigns and large-scale mobilisation against the controversial proposal to increase the work hours of IT employees to 14.

While gate meetings at IT parks and street campaigns are being planned throughout the week, the union is also planning to organise a procession to the Labour Commissioner's office on August 3.

"We are planning campaigns at 32 units. On August 3, we will organise a massive procession in which a large number of IT employees would march to the office of the Labour Commissioner," said Sooraj Nidiyanga, secretary, KITU.

The union has been sharing its membership application form on social media platforms to mobilise more people to join the cause.

Meanwhile, during an interaction with mediapersons, Labour Minister Santosh Lad said that the proposal to increase work hours came from the IT companies, and was not initiated by the State government.

"It's not the Minister who came up with this proposal. The industries are pressurising us. The Labour Department is evaluating the proposal," he said.

A file photo of a tech park in Bengaluru.

Citing the dissent among IT employees regarding the proposal, the Minister suggested that industry heads discuss and debate it publicly. "The IT heads, the so-called big people in India, must discuss and tell us what they think about this. For everything (else) they come out (and talk)," he said, in what seemed like a snub to the industry leaders who have been strongly opposing a Bill proposed by the government to give representation to locals in the private sector.

Industry association Nasscom responded to the controversy by saying that they had not requested a 14-hour workday or a 70-hour workweek,

"We fully support the 48-hour workweek, which is the standard across India. All we have asked of the States and the Central government is to consider some flexibility within this 48-hour limit. This would help companies with a pan-India presence to standardise their operations. In Karnataka, we had a similar discussion with the IT Department a few months ago. We did not, however, have a meeting with the Labor Department on this topic," said Ashish Aggarwal, Vice-President & Head of Public Policy, Nasscom.

The union terms phrases like 'flexibility from IT companies' a farce.

"This is a strategy by companies to make people work more during busy months like December and March. This way, the companies wouldn't have to hire extra hands, and this would fetch them huge profits. This is what they are trying to say by using words like flexibility," said Sooraj Nidiyanga.

Around 20 lakh persons work in the IT sector in Karnataka. On July 20, KITU had warned that any attempt to go with the amendment would be an open challenge to this huge section of people.

State govt. issues draft notification for BBMP Estate Management Rules 2024

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To enhance rental income and safeguard its assets, the State government has issued a draft notification for the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Estate Management Rules 2024.

The proposed rules impose a restriction on BBMP, limiting the leasing of its immovable properties to a maximum of 30 years.

Citizens have been given 30 days to submit objections or suggestions regarding the draft rules, which were published on July 20.

Key provisions of the draft notification include stringent restrictions on property sale. BBMP will be permitted to sell its properties exclusively to government departments, public sector undertakings, and government-owned organisations, subject to prior approval from the government of Karnataka. Sale to private individuals, institutions, and companies are explicitly prohibited, thereby ensuring the protection of public assets.

Citizens have been given 30 days to submit objections or suggestions on the draft rules. FILE PHOTO

The new draft rules introduce a tiered leasing system. The Chief Commissioner will have the authority to lease properties for up to five years, pending prior approval from the relevant standing committee. Leases extending from five to 15 years will require the approval of the council, while leases between 15 and 30 years will necessitate sanction from the government of Karnataka.

This structured leasing approach is designed to prevent excessively long lease periods, such as the 99-year leases previously granted to certain entities, including a multi-speciality hospital.

Additionally, the draft rules include provisions for the allocation of shops on lease to disadvantaged groups. Specifically, 17% of shops will be reserved for Scheduled Castes (SC), 7% for Scheduled Tribes (ST), and 2% for persons with disabilities (with at least 40% disability). These allocations will be executed through open auction.

The State government aims to streamline the management of BBMP properties, ensuring better utilisation and protection of public assets while also addressing the needs of disadvantaged communities.

'Identify vending zones quickly'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

BBMP Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath has instructed officials to swiftly identify vending zones for streetvendors within BBMP limits.

Addressing a virtual conference on Monday at the Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited office, he said: "To obtain precise information on the number of streetvendors in the city, a survey must be conducted."

A standard operating procedure (SOP) has already been issued for conducting the survey of streetvendors in the BBMP limits and according to it, vending zones in respective regions need to be identified promptly. He directed officials to assign the necessary staff immediately and complete the survey within the stipulated time.

Special Commissioner (Welfare) Suralkar Vikas Kishore mentioned that according to law, a survey of streetvendors must be conducted within the BBMP limits.

IIMB hosts Mitti Cafe which is run and managed by persons with disabilities

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB) on Monday became the latest to host the NSRCEL-incubated Mitti Cafe, run and managed by persons with physical, intellectual and psychiatric disabilities, on the institute campus. Currently, over 35 such cafes are being operated in institutions and public spaces, including the Rashtrapati Bhavan and the Supreme Court of India.

The cafe inauguration was followed by cultural performances by persons with disabilities and concluded with the national anthem performed in sign language.

Rishikesha T. Krishnan, Director, IIMB, welcomed the venture, promising a supportive environment for it to function successfully. "Mitti Cafe is a pioneering initiative working towards economic independence and dignity for persons with physical, intellectual and psychiatric disabilities, and persons from other vulnerable communities. This will be an important testament to our commitment to diversity and inclusion on campus," he said.

The Mitti Cafe team at IIM Bangalore. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Alina Alam, CEO and founder, Mitti Cafe, said: "We are thankful to IIM Bangalore and our donor Arcesium who have helped us open the cafe in such a prestigious institution, which will help us send a strong message of inclusion to the public at large and sensitise them to the lives of persons with disabilities. We are excited about the economic and social opportunities the cafe presents to our staff. The event holds immense emotional significance for us, as Mitti's journey began at NSRCEL."

Swati Dokania, COO and Director, Mitti Cafe, said:"To be able to run a cafe managed by persons with disabilities at the iconic IIM Bangalore campus will send a very strong message around diversity and inclusion to the community, especially the youth who have the potential to fuel and accelerate the movement of inclusion."

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BMTC provides employment to 250 people on compassionate grounds

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To support the families of its deceased employees, the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has offered jobs to 250 dependents on compassionate grounds.

On Monday, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy distributed the appointment letters. He emphasised the importance of these compassionate appointments in providing stability and support to the families of deceased employees of BMTC.

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy distributing appointment letters in Bengaluru on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

According to the BMTC, in October 2023 and March 2024, the corporation appointed approximately 250 dependents to Class-3 (Non-Supervisory) and Class-4 vacancies, based on seniority and available positions. Despite a significant number of vacancies for drivers, conductors, and technical roles, the majority of dependents have sought positions as Junior Assistant Co. Data Entry Operators, which has constrained the corporation's ability to fill all roles. Currently, BMTC is recruiting for 48 posts, including K.S.T Constable, Technical Assistant, and Office Attender, on compassionate grounds.

In addition to the compassionate appointments, BMTC has implemented several welfare initiatives to enhance employee benefits and workplace safety.

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In painstaking steps, scientists piece the neutrino universe together

Researchers conducting an experiment with the Large Hadron Collider reported observing electron-neutrinos in a particle collider for the first time. Understanding these particles could transform what we know about our universe, the tools we use to study it, and the technologies in our lives

Qudsia Gani

A technician works on the NOvA prototype Near Detector. REIDAR HAHN/FERMILAB

Neutrinos are a type of subatomic particle. They don't have an electric charge, have a small mass, and are left-handed (a physics term meaning the direction of its spin is opposite to the direction of its motion). And they are flooding the universe. They are the second-most abundant particles after photons (particles of light) and the most abundant among particles that make up matter.

The study of neutrinos is an area of immense current interest among particle physicists and astrophysicists. These particles are produced when particles called leptons interact with matter. For example, when a type of lepton called a muon interacts with matter, the interaction produces a muon-neutrino. The same goes for electrons (electron-neutrino) and tauons (tau-neutrino). However, the neutrinos themselves interact with matter very, very rarely to produce a corresponding muon, electron, or tauon.

This small interaction rate makes studying neutrinos difficult. For example, a muon-neutrino will scatter off an atom's nucleus only once out of a million times or so, producing a muon and a proton. So to study them, physicists have built detectors with very fine tracking capabilities. They are also large to maximise the number of interactions between the neutrinos and the detectors' matter.

New data from NOvA

One such experiment is NovA, an acronym for 'NuMI Off-axis ν_e Appearance', in Minnesota in the U.S. It creates a beam of neutrinos that fly towards a 14,000-tonne detector located 800 km away. NOvA is managed by the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory.

Scientists presented the latest results from the NOvA collaboration at a conference in Italy on June 17. They said the collaboration had acquired twice as much data as it had during NOvA's previous run, four years ago. The new results complemented the previous ones with greater precision.

NOvA was designed to determine the role of neutrinos in the evolution of the cosmos. It does this by trying to understand which neutrino type has the most mass and which type has the least. This is an important detail because neutrinos may get their mass through a different mechanism from other matter particles. Unravelling it could answer many open questions in physics.

In pursuit of this goal, on July 11, a study at the Large Hadron Collider in Europe also reported observing electron-neutrinos at a particle collider for the first time.

The surprise of mass

Physicists first detected extraterrestrial neutrinos coming from a supernova in 1987, when a star exploded around 150,000 light years away. Three hours before light from the explosion reached the earth, three underground detectors in Japan, Russia, and the U.S. recorded a spike in the number of neutrinos coming from the explosion. This event was the birth of neutrino astronomy.

For almost 50 years, physicists thought neutrinos were massless particles, like photons. According to the special theory of relativity, a massive particle can't travel at the speed of light (in vacuum). So a light signal could overtake the neutrino, and it would appear right-handed when viewed in the opposite direction, i.e., with its directions of motion and spin aligned with each other. However, physicists had never detected right-handed neutrinos, so they concluded neutrinos are massless.

But from the late 1990s, scientists in Japan and Canada found evidence to overturn this view and prove neutrinos actually have mass. They found that when neutrinos travel through space, they can change from one type to another, which massless particles can't do.

The existing theory of how particles behave and their properties, called the Standard Model of particle physics, doesn't predict massive neutrinos. Incorporating them in the Standard Model will require far-reaching changes that physicists are still working out.

Ordering the neutrinos

This is why physicists study how neutrinos (and their antimatter counterparts, antineutrinos) change their type as they travel large distances. This quantum mechanical phenomenon is called neutrino oscillation. For example, all neutrinos from the Sun are electron-neutrinos, yet we receive a big chunk of them on the earth as muon-neutrinos.

Theoretical models predict two possible solutions for the neutrino mass hierarchy problem, called *normal* and *inverted*. The normal order proposes that one of the three types is much heavier and that the other two have comparable lower masses. In the inverted order, one of the neutrino types is lighter and the other two have comparable heavier masses.

> If we find a way to transmit neutrinos, it wouldn't be far-fetched to say we can replace electromagnetic waves in communication channels with neutrino beams within a few decades

The new NOvA data favours the normal order, but not conclusively.

Cracking the hierarchy problem is closely related to the universe's evolution. Their low interaction rate means neutrinos are excellent carriers of information from the universe's past, from sources like exploding stars and black holes. We can't otherwise access a lot of this information today. Supernovae are known to release 99% of their radiant energy in a short, 10-second burst of neutrinos.

Studying these neutrinos can reveal how light or radio waves from the explosion diffuse after travelling a certain distance.

The best information carriers

Indeed, because neutrinos pass through most matter untouched, they can carry information across large distances. Humans currently use electromagnetic waves to do this job because they are easier to transmit and to detect. But in some situations, they don't work well.

For example, seawater is opaque to electromagnetic radiation of shorter wavelength, which impedes the transmission of waves of certain frequencies to submarines. Neutrinos on the other hand can easily pass through 1,000 light years (9,400 million million km) of lead, so an ocean will hardly be a barrier.

We only need to find a way to transmit and capture them, which is tied to understanding them fully. If this happens, it wouldn't be far-fetched to say we can replace electromagnetic waves in communication channels with neutrino beams within a few decades.

Eyes on the neutrino universe

Given all these advantages, the world's more scientifically endowed countries are racing to study neutrinos.

A few of the experiments involved are the Super-K III in Japan; the Sudbury Neutrino Observatory (in its new SNO+ avatar) in Canada; the MiniBOONe, the MicroBOONe, and NOvA in the U.S.; the Double CHOOZ in France; the Jiangmen Underground Neutrino Observatory in China; the OPERA experiment in Switzerland; and the IceCube Neutrino Observatory in Antarctica.

India's own India-based Neutrino Observatory, funded by the Department of Atomic Energy, was supposed to come up in Tamil Nadu but currently faces an uncertain future over procedural lapses and lack of political support.

Just as more matter increases the number of interactions with neutrinos, a large number of experiments increase the chances of cracking the mass hierarchy and other problems, and bring us closer to a complete picture of the universe.

(Qudsia Gani is an assistant professor in the Department of Physics, Government Degree College Pattan, Baramulla.)

A genetically modified pig inside a protective barrier at a United Therapeutics designated pathogen-free facility in Christiansburg, Virginia. These pigs will eventually supply organs for clinical trials. SHELBY LUM/AP

Cleanest pigs ever are raised to grow organs for humans

Agence France Presse

The first gene-edited pig organs ever transplanted into people came from animals born on a special research farm in the Blue Ridge Mountains – behind locked gates, where entry requires washing down your vehicle, swapping your clothes for medical scrubs, and stepping into tubs of disinfectant to clean your boots between each air-conditioned barn.

"These are precious animals," said David Ayares of Revivicor Inc., who spent decades learning to clone pigs with just the right genetic changes to allow those first audacious experiments.

The biosecurity gets even tighter just a few kilometres away in Christiansburg, Virginia, where a new herd is being raised: pigs expected to supply organs for formal studies of animal-to-human transplantation next year.

This massive, first-of-its-kind building bears no resemblance to a farm. It's more like a pharmaceutical plant. And part of it is closed to all but certain carefully chosen employees who take a timed shower, don company-provided clothes and shoes, and then enter an enclave where piglets are growing up.

Behind that protective barrier are some of the world's cleanest pigs. They breathe air and drink water that's better filtered against contaminants than what's required for people. Even their feed gets disinfected – all to prevent them from picking up any possible infections that might ultimately harm a transplant

They breathe air and drink water that's better filtered against contaminants than what's required for people. Even their feed gets disinfected

recipient.

Several thousand people die each year waiting for a transplant, and many experts acknowledge there will never be enough human donors to meet the need. Animals offer the tantalising promise of a ready-made supply.

So far in the U.S. there have been four "compassionate use" transplants, last-ditch experiments on dying patients – two hearts and two kidneys. Revivicor provided both hearts and one of the kidneys. While the four patients died within a few months, they offered valuable lessons for researchers ready to try again with people who aren't quite as sick.

Now the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is evaluating promising results from experiments in donated human bodies and awaiting the results of additional studies of pig organs in baboons before deciding next steps. The main challenges are how to avoid rejection and whether the animals might carry some unknown infection risk.

Twice a week, slaughterhouses ship Revivicor hundreds of eggs retrieved from sow ovaries. Working in the dark with the light-sensitive eggs, scientists peer through a microscope while suctioning out the maternal DNA. Then they slip in the genetic modifications. Mild electric shocks fuse the new DNA and activate embryonic growth.

Revivicor's first modified pig is now bred instead of cloned. If xenotransplantation eventually works, other pigs with the desired gene combinations would, too.

THE SCIENCE QUIZ

These numbers can't be reasoned with...

Vasudevan Mukunth

Please send in your answers to science@thehindu.co.in

QUESTION 1

July 22 (or 22/7) is called Pi Approximation Day. Pi is an irrational number, which is why 22/7 stands for an approximate value. The definition of irrational numbers is that they can't be expressed as the ratio of two _____. Fill in the blank.

QUESTION 2

Continuing from Q1, if the ratio of the lengths of two line segments is an irrational number, like pi, the segments are said to be _____. Fill in the blank.

QUESTION 3

Name the Indian mathematician known as the founder of the Kerala school of mathematics in the 14th to 16th centuries. He is credited with developing simple formulae to determine the value of pi as accurately as possible.

QUESTION 4

The square roots of all _____ numbers except the perfect squares (e.g. 4, 9, 16, 25, etc.) are irrational numbers. Fill in the blank with the name of a set of numbers denoted in mathematical texts by the symbol N.

QUESTION 5

It's an open question in mathematics whether π + x, π - x, πx, π/x or π^x are irrational numbers. 'x' here is an irrational number given the name _____'s constant after a Swiss mathematician, even though it was Jacob Bernoulli who discovered it. Fill in the blank.

Answers to July 18 quiz:

1. Principle genus of trees that are a source of agarwood – **Ans:** *Aquilaria*
2. Fungal species whose infection leads to the formation of agarwood – **Ans:** *Phaeacremonium parasitica*
3. State tree of Tripura – **Ans:** *Aquilaria malaccensis*
4. Treaty that protects trade in *Aquilaria malaccensis* – **Ans: CITES**
5. Compounds in agarwood that also give eucalyptus its fragrance – **Ans: Terpenoids**

Visual: **Duramen or heartwood**

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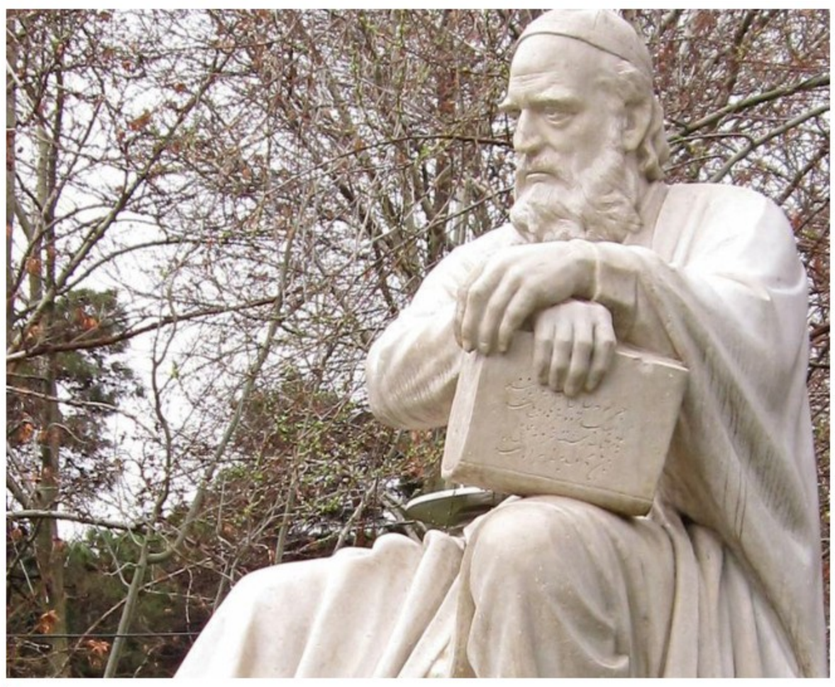

Visual: Name the Persian scholar memorialised in this sculpture in Tehran. His study of irrational numbers was considered revolutionary for its time. ALIREZA JAVAHERI

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Valmiki corpn. scam: Case against ED officials for 'coercing' officer to name CM, Nagendra

Wilson Garden police register FIR based on a complaint by B. Kallesh, Additional Director, Social Welfare Department

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru City Police have registered a case against two officials of the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) for allegedly coercing a senior official of the State government to name Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and former Minister for Scheduled Tribes Welfare B. Nagendra, in connection with the financial irregularities at the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Welfare Development Corporation Ltd.

The Wilson Garden police registered the FIR on Monday, based on a complaint by B. Kallesh, Additional Director, Social Welfare Department, who was Director, ST Welfare Directorate, and by virtue of that post an ex-officio director in the Valmiki corporation and questioned by the ED on July 16.

The office of the Directorate of Enforcement at Shanthinagar. SUDHAKARA JAIN

The FIR names Mittal and Murali Kannan, both "ED officers, Bengaluru" as accused. The officer named as Mittal is Manoj Mittal, Deputy Director, ED, Bengaluru, sources said. The two officers have been booked for criminal intimidation under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

In his complaint to the police, Mr. Kallesh said he appeared before the ED for questioning in the case on July 16. "ED officials gave me a questionnaire of 17 questions. I said of them, to answer three of them, I needed the help of files and junior officials. Following this, ED officials started questioning me orally, with nothing being recorded," he said.

"The officials said that it was wrong of me to have credited money to the corporation through the M.G. Road bank branch. I said that I had transferred the money after billing the same, on March 25, as per the order of the government. However, money had been credited into this account illegally from March 5 itself," Mr. Kallesh said, adding that ED officials had then started pressuring him to name others in the scam.

"The ED official threatened me that he would arrest me and I wouldn't get bail for at least two years. He said the ED would help me if I gave in writing that I had instructions from former minister B. Nagendra, the highest authority of the government and Finance Department to transfer the money to the account in the M. G. Road branch," he said, adding he was next questioned by Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer Manoj Mittal.

"Mr. Mittal threatened me with arrest, said he would not rest till he ensured I would be handed down a sentence of 7 years. He said he read my written statement and that was no good. He said if ED had to help me, I had to give it in writing that I was under pressure from CM sir, Nagendra sir and the Finance Department to transfer the money," he said in the complaint.

Incidentally, this is not the first FIR against ED officials in the State. ED had raided Malur Congress MLA K.Y. Nanjegowda, also chairman of Kolar-Chikkaballapur District Cooperative Milk Producers' Union Ltd (KOMUL), in January, 2024, over an alleged recruitment scam in the Cooperative.

Y.B. Ashwathnarayana, Director, KOMUL, had lodged a complaint with the police alleging ED officials threatened and assaulted him during his interrogation. Wilson Garden Police had registered an FIR against Manoj Mittal and Ajay Kumar Vaidya. The High Court of Karnataka stayed the FIR in February, 2024.

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From Page One

State set to oppose NEET, 'One Nation, One Election'

Sources said that Karnataka government has decided to oppose the NEET on the lines of Tamil Nadu, and the resolution would be to conduct the State's own entrance examination for medical seats. This comes in the light of NEET examination paper leak that has put students in a quandary, sources added.

Besides, the Congress government also decided to oppose the delimitation exercise citing that further deliberations are required. Incidentally, the Congress has been opposed to the 'One Nation, One Election', which was initially mooted by the BJP.

INBRIEF

BBMP cracks down on illegal flexes, removes 8,362 banners

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has undertaken a major crackdown on illegal flexes, removing 8,362 unauthorised banners across the city. The BBMP officials have also filed police cases against 142 violators, marking the first instance of such extensive legal action.

The civic body has imposed ₹1.3 lakh in fines. Citizens are encouraged to report any illegal flexes by calling 1533 or 9480683939 and providing photographic evidence.

E-paper edition

The Hindu offers more coverage of Bengaluru in the e-paper edition. (epaper.thehindu.com)

In the issue dated July 23, we take a look at how the recent 'quota for local' Bill has snowballed into a huge controversy and how the demand for reservation for locals has a history that dates back to the 1980s. From the Gokak agitation to the Mahishi report, the State has witnessed several struggles over the years.

Text & Context and Science

Weekday features on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and quizzes. In the latest issue (July 23, Tuesday), the following articles are available:

- A case for regulating gig-based work **bit.ly/karnatakabillexp**
- In painstaking steps, scientists piece the neutrino universe together **bit.ly/neutrinosdata**

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Opposition disrupts CM's reply on Valmiki corporation scam

The Opposition BJP and JD(S) members shouting slogans in the Legislative Council on Monday. K. MURALI KUMAR

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

On the lines of what was seen in the Legislative Assembly last week, the Opposition BJP and JD(S) members on Monday disrupted Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's reply to a debate on the alleged multi-crore scam in the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Ltd. in the Legislative Council on Monday.

When the Opposition members did not pay heed to repeated pleas by Council chairman Basavaraj Horatti and the Chief MInister to allow him to speak first, the chairman allowed the Chief Minister to read out his reply amidst sloganeering.

Nagendra remanded in judicial custody

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A special court in Bengaluru remanded former minister Bt. Nagendra to judicial custody for 14 days on Monday.

The Congress MLA from Ballari Rural was produced in the special court by ED officials at the end of his extended custody period.

B. Nagendra was arrested in connection with an alleged multi-crore scam at the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation. On July 22, the ED did not seek further custody. He was remanded in judicial custody till August 4.

The Congress MLA was arrested on July 12 under provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), following a search operation across 23 premises in four States.

Govt. to continue financial aid for SC&ST students to pursue PhD in foreign varsities

THE HINDU IMPACT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government has decided to withdraw its earlier order cancelling the financial assistance to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes students to pursue PhD in foreign universities under the Prabuddha scheme.

Minister of Social Welfare H.C. Mahadevappa posted on Facebook and X: "There has been some confusion regarding SC/ST students pursuing PhD in foreign universities under Prabuddha scheme and the government will continue this scheme as before."

"It is our responsibility to realise B.R. Ambedkar's wish that SC and ST community people can rise to dignified positions only when they pursue higher studies abroad. Therefore, SC and ST students, who will be selected for PhD programmes in the top 100 universities of the world, will get the benefit under this scheme. I have informed the officials of the Social Welfare Department about the continuation of this scheme. I hereby request members of the community not to create confusion in this regard," he stated.

A file photo of students celebrating after receiving their doctorate.

The State government had cancelled the financial assistance from the academic year 2023-24 to SC and ST students pursuing PhD in foreign universities citing high expenditure.

On July 19, *The Hindu* published a detailed report on this issue . Various Dalit leaders and students across Karnataka expressed unhappiness over the government's decision and threatened protests if the order was not withdrawn immediately.

Opposition parties had criticised the State government's decision during the ongoing session of the legislature.

To eternalise error after coming to know of it is no heroism: High Court

FROM THE COURT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Observing that fallibility is not alien to judges and to eternalise or immortalise the error, after coming to know it, is no heroism, the High Court of Karnataka has recalled its recent judgement by admitting an inadvertent error in quashing a first information report (FIR) registered against a man for watching child pornography online.

'Judges too are human'

"Errors do happen, to err is human. We judges are also humans. Fallibility is not alien to the functions that judges perform. To rectify the error is the compulsion of the judicial conscience. To eternalise or immortalise the error, after coming to know of it, is no heroism," observed Justice M. Nagaprasanna while recalling his 'erroneous' order.

The court on July 10 allowed a petition by Inayathulla, 46, of Bengaluru, who had questioned the FIR against him for "merely watching child pornography" by contending it was his right to privacy.

The court had quashed the FIR by noticing only Section 67B(a) of the Information Technology (IT) Act, 2000, which makes "publishing or transmitting material electronically depicting children in sexually explicit act" as punishable acts.

However, the Additional State Public Prosecutor (ASPP) filed an interlocutory application (IA) on July 19 for recalling the July 10 order. The ASPP pointed out that the prosecution did not bring to the notice of the court about certain provisions of the law, and also a procedural lapse on part of the petitioner in arraying the parties as respondents to the petition.

The prosecution pointed out that the petitioner had failed to array Cyber Tipline of the National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children's Cyber Tipline, a centralised reporting system for the online exploitation of children, as the FIR was registered based on an alert by the Cyber Tipline.

Also, the prosecution stated that Section 15 (punishment for storage of pornographic material involving child) of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, though not invoked in the FIR, attracts in the present case and the police can add this section in their report based on the investigation, and this aspect was not brought to the court's notice earlier.

Browsing also offence

Justice Nagaprasanna, who allowed the IA, also pointed out that Section 67B(b) of the IT Act also makes the act of 'browsing' child pornography as an offence, and hence, the reference in his July 10 order only to Section 67B(a) of the Act, "was an error" due to which the court had erroneously quashed the FIR.

"If Section 67B(a) was only looked into, it would have become unjust, as Section 67B(b) was the one that was applicable to the case at hand," the court observed, while allowing criminal proceedings and investigation to continue against the petitioner as per law, without being influenced by the observations made by the court.

City will get doppler weather radar, says Jitendra Singh

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

One C-band doppler weather radar will be installed at Bengaluru this year, Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Science and Technology, has said.

Dr. Singh was responding to Union Minister of State and Bengaluru North MP Shobha Karandlaje's request to install a doppler weather radar in Bengaluru. "I have been informed by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) that one C-band doppler weather radar having operational range of 250 km is going to be installed at Bengaluru this year itself to strengthen the early warning system benefitting numerous stakeholders and the public," Dr. Singh said in a letter to Ms. Karandlaje.

He added that the site for the radar installation had already been identified and discussions are on with the State government towards acquiring it.

"The proposed radar will not only help protect infrastructure during natural disasters but also significantly enhance the accuracy of weather forecasts and provide early warning of severe weather conditions," Dr. Singh stated.

In a letter addressed to Dr. Singh on June 26, Ms. Karandlaje said she would like to draw his attention to the urgent need of Bengaluru for the doppler weather radar.

"Humble gratitude to Union Minister Shri @DrJitendraSingh Ji for recognising the importance of this technology for Bengaluru. The new radar will provide accurate weather predictions and early warnings, crucial for protecting our infrastructure, economy & the lives of our people," Ms. Karandlaje posted on X (formerly Twitter).

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Public Notice

In exercise of powers conferred under Section 45-IA (6) of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 (the Act), the Reserve Bank of India, by its order dated July 3, 2024 has cancelled the Certificate of Registration No.10.00031 dated March 06, 1998 issued to M/s Bharatpur Investment Limited, CIN Number U15421RJ1975PLC001652, having its Registered Office at Shri Ramji Sadan, 30-B, New Civil Lines, Bharatpur City, Bharatpur, Rajasthan-321001 for carrying on the business of a Non-Banking Financial Institution as defined in Section 45-I(a) of the Act. The company therefore cannot carry on the business of a Non-Banking Financial Institution under the Act.

This is issued in Public Interest.

Place : Jaipur **Deputy General Manager**

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

The Bangladeshi expatriates jailed for protests in the UAE

57 An Emirati court has sentenced Bangladeshi expatriates to lengthy prison terms for protesting against their government in the Gulf country. At least 163 people died in Bangladesh last week. AFP

Number of flights cancelled by domestic carriers till May, 2024

7,030 As per the civil aviation ministry, 7,427 flights were cancelled in 2023. Till May 31 this year, domestic airlines have cancelled at least 7, 000 scheduled flights. PTI

Exams postponed by the National Testing Agency since 2018

16 According to the Education Ministry in Lok Sabha, the National Testing Agency postponed at least 16 exams since its inception in 2018. The reasons included the pandemic and logistical issues. PTI

The decrease in China's refined lead exports

91 In per cent. The country exported 1,362 metric tonnes of refined lead compared to 15,215 tonnes exported last June. At the same time, imports of the metal rose to its highest since August 2023. REUTERS

The deal struck by Ukraine to restructure its government debt

20 In billion. Kyiv has struck a preliminary deal with international creditors to restructure government debt worth more than $20 billion. AFP

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A case for regulating gig-based work

Karnataka's draft Bill introduces provisions that mandate fair contracts and income security for platform workers. These provisions strengthen the position of workers who are at the same time not considered employees, nor do they enjoy the freedom and flexibility of being independent contractors

ECONOMIC NOTES

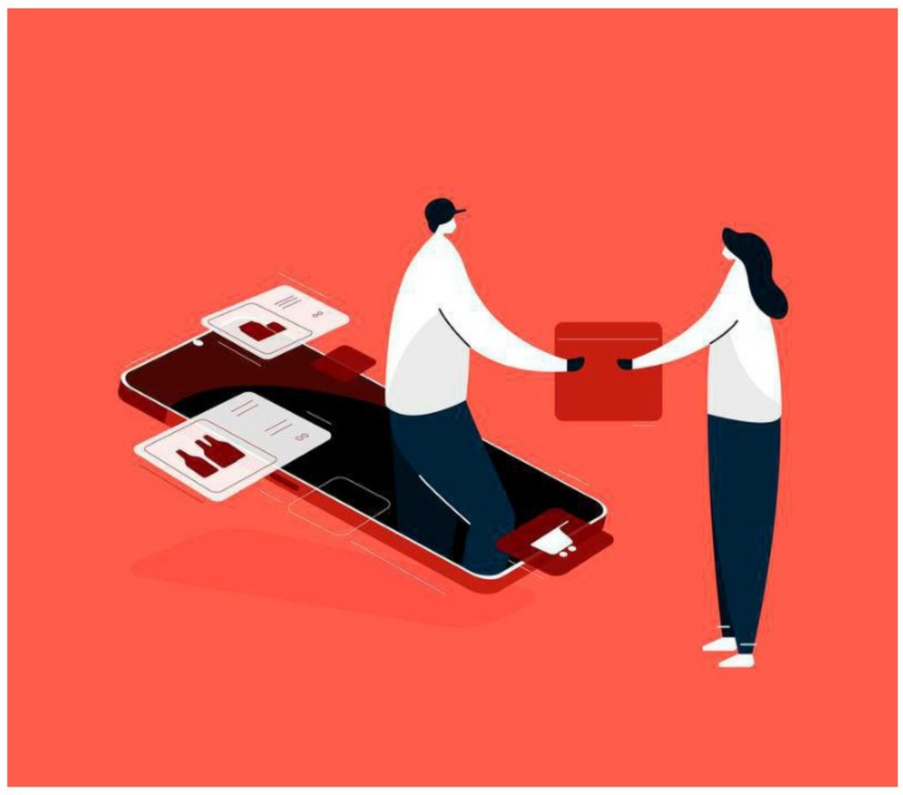
Rakshita Swamy
Biju Mathew

The Karnataka government's intent to introduce a legislation for the welfare of gig workers is a welcome and necessary step.

It squarely addresses the three big myths propagated by the gig and platform industry. The first myth that aggregators sell to promote platform work is that they would have "no boss" and would be "partners" and "captains" – anything but workers. This drew in many people, particularly the young, to join platform-based gigs. However, it soon became clear that this was not the case. There was a big boss – the algorithm and a network of team managers deployed at the local level to enforce the algorithm.

Algorithms dictate the number of hours the worker needs to put in on weekends, the orders to be delivered, cancellations and rating scores that ought to be maintained in order for tasks to be continually allocated to the worker, and finally when a worker is deactivated or fired. Shaikh Salauddin from the Indian Federation of App-based Transport Workers put it succinctly when he said that "Gig workers spend hours trying to guess what the algorithm is doing and it feels like they are a rat in a maze". This is totally opposite to the idea of being one's own boss. A plain reading of the digitally generated terms and conditions that the worker has to invariably agree on to commence work dispels any notion of being an independent contractor. Every aspect of the work is monitored and dictated, with workers facing the consequences if they do not comply.

The Karnataka Bill recognises the pervasive role played by such algorithms and makes the aggregator responsible for sharing the parameters that are used by the algorithm to determine allocation of work, grounds for denial of work, the categorisation of workers and how



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personal data of workers is being used to determine their ability to work and earn through the aggregator. The Bill breaks the algorithmic control the companies have and allows workers to take back control for at least some part of their work lives.

The myth of flexibility

The second myth that is perpetuated is that persons engaged in platform work enjoy flexible work arrangements. This assertion has enabled platforms to keep gig-based workers away from protections under labour laws. Multiple studies have shown how the term flexibility is abused in the industry. All flexibility in truth rests only with the employer and none with the worker. The payment structure consisting of a number of incentive schemes which enable workers to earn the minimum surplus required to cover costs, in effect, leaves no flexibility with the workers. For instance, workers have to comply with mandatory login hours to be eligible for incentives. If they log in after gaps of being 'inactive', they have to make peace with disadvantaged rate cards and incentive schemes. Karnataka's draft Bill introduces provisions that mandate fair contracts, income security and the right of platform workers to refuse work without being slapped with sanctions. The above provisions strengthen the position of these workers who are at the same time not considered employees, nor do they enjoy the freedom and flexibility of being independent contractors.

The third myth is that these are 'part time' workers, who engage in platform-based gig work for additional income. According to a study of the platform economy in India by PAIGHAM and the University of Pennsylvania, 96% of the cab drivers surveyed, secured 100% of their daily income from gigs. The corresponding figure for delivery workers was 90.7%. Average daily work hours for taxi drivers was in excess of 11 hours, and 10 hours for delivery workers. By making social security a mandatory requirement, the Karnataka Law takes a necessary step towards acknowledging this fact and makes room for an umbrella of schemes that can assist workers through events such as old age, death, health shocks etc.

India's stand

Even though the Government of India endorsed a progressive statement on the rights of platform workers at the G-20 last year, it's Code on Social Security, which is the only legislation that makes a passing reference to gig workers, has been detrimental as it delinks workers from minimum labour protections of wages, occupational safety and health. Significantly, it is the State Governments that are showing the way forward. Rajasthan is the first State to pass a legislation on the issue, closely followed by Karnataka. Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Telangana are following suit.

In the political context of guarantees funded purely by the state exchequer, this law is an important development. It shows how social security for workers ought to also be financed from the market and that private actors should no longer be abdicated from their primary economic accountability towards workers. There are many things that could be improved in the Bill. These include the Bill's silence on critical issues such as minimum wage, occupational safety and health, working hours, and rights on collective bargaining. However, it is also true that this law allows workers to mobilise and assert for more.

Rakshita Swamy is Director, Social Accountability Forum for Action and Research and Biju Mathew is President, International Alliance of App Based Transport Workers.

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How and when can a bill be defined as a money Bill?

Why do money Bills have a special procedure for approval? What is the way forward?

Rangarajan.R

The story so far:

The Chief Justice of India (CJI) has agreed to list before Constitution Benches, the petitions challenging the money Bill route taken by the Centre to pass contentious laws/amendments.

What are money and financial Bills?

The Constitution defines certain categories of bills that deal with financial matters as money Bills and financial Bills. Article 110(1)(a) to (f) defines a money Bill as a bill that contains 'only' provisions dealing with one or more of six specific matters. They relate to taxation; borrowing by government; custody of consolidated fund or contingency fund and payment/withdrawal of money from such fund; appropriation out of consolidated fund; expenditure charged on consolidated fund; receipt on account of consolidated fund or public account or the audit of accounts of Union or States.

Clause (g) of Article 110 (1) provides that any matter incidental to these six matters can also be classified as a money Bill. Classic examples of money Bills include the Finance Act and the Appropriation Act that deal primarily 'only' with taxation and spending out of the consolidated fund respectively. Article 117 provides for two different categories of financial Bills. Category I contains any of the six matters mentioned in Article 110(1)(a) to (f) along with any other matter. Category II Bills do not contain any of those six matters but would involve expenditures from the consolidated fund.

What is procedure for a money Bill?

As per Article 109, a money Bill shall be introduced only in the Lok Sabha. After it is passed in the Lok Sabha, the Rajya Sabha has only 14 days to provide its recommendations on such a Bill which may or may not be accepted by the Lok Sabha. Money Bills deal 'only' with financial matters that are crucial for the administration of the country. Hence, the Constitution provides for this special procedure that effectively requires only the approval of Lok Sabha where the ruling government enjoys a majority. It has its origin in the U.K., where in 1911 the powers of the unelected House of Lords over the Budget were curtailed. The Budget was required to be passed only by the House of Commons that reflected the will of the people. However, it must be noted that the operative word of the definition of a money Bill is the word 'only.' It is the Speaker of Lok Sabha who certifies a Bill to be a money Bill.

Financial Bills of Category I and II do not enjoy this special procedure.

What are the issues?

Certification of a Bill as a 'money Bill' by the Speaker came under judicial review during the scrutiny of the Aadhaar Act passed in 2016. This law contains provisions with respect to process for enrolment and authentication, establishment of authority for Aadhaar, mechanism for safeguards, and penalties for offences under the Act. Section 7 of the Act provides that the Central or State government may require Aadhaar authentication of an individual as a condition for providing subsidy, benefit or service, for which expenditure is incurred from the consolidated fund. Stating the withdrawal of funds from the consolidated fund as the primary purpose of the Act, with all other provisions being incidental to it, this law was passed as a 'money Bill'. While this was a debatable classification, the Supreme Court upheld this with a majority of 4:1. The current CJI was the lone dissenting judge who held that the Aadhaar Act did not fulfil the definition of a 'money Bill'.

The Finance Act, 2017 was even more controversial, in passing amendments to various Acts for reorganisation of tribunals such as the National Green Tribunal, as a money Bill. These amendments were struck down in *Rojer Mathew versus South Indian Bank* (2019) wherein a five-judge Bench opined that the Aadhaar case judgment did not substantially discuss the effect of the word 'only' in the definition of money Bill. It referred the matter to a larger Bench for consideration. A seven-judge Bench should be constituted for an authoritative judgment on the definition of money Bills. The Speakers should also uphold the spirit of the definition while certifying a 'money Bill.'

Rangarajan. R is a former IAS officer and author of 'Polity Simplified'. Views expressed are personal.

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Police to launch campaign against wrong-side driving on one-way

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State police are gearing up to crack down on people driving the wrong side on one-way roads.

Alok Kumar, Additional Director-General of Police (Traffic and Road Safety), in a circular to all commissionerates and Superintendents of Police has directed them to launch the drive on August 1.

They have been asked to register FIRs against errant motorists under Section 281 (rash driving in public way) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and under Section 184 (driving a motor vehicle above the speed limit or dangerously) of The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. Concerned over rising fatal accidents and rash driving, the chief of the State Police had issued directions to take measures.

The police have also been asked to take action against motorists violating traffic rules on highways and within city and district headquarters limits, and also against the use of defective number plates.

The police should create awareness on social media and offline, including distributing pamphlets and announcements through public address system before initiating the drive. The officials have been asked to submit a report on action taken by August 31.

Licence of driving school to be cancelled

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy has directed the Transport Department to cancel the licence of Maruthi Driving School in Basaveshwaranagar, after the instructor was arrested for allegedly misbehaving with a student during a training session on July 7. An order has also been issued to cancel the driving licence of the accused Annappa.

The accused, who offered to give extra classes, allegedly misbehaved with the 18-year-old girl while she was driving.

The police arrested the accused and remanded him in judicial custody.

INNOVATIVE LEADER AWARD

BGS National Public School celebrated with great pleasure and honour as Dr Malini M Dutta, Principal, received The DEfactoEd Innovative Leader Award. This award symbolises excellence and recognises individuals who have significantly contributed to shaping the landscape of education through innovation, creativity, and a commitment to preparing future generations for the challenges of the 21st century. The award was presented at the House of Lords, Westminster, United Kingdom, in recognition of her outstanding achievements and dedication to advancing education in India. This prestigious event highlights her impactful contributions to education and underscores her leadership in the field.

FELICITATION PROGRAMME

KVS RO Bengaluru felicitated Kumari Dhinidhi Desinghu, the youngest member of the Indian contingent for the Paris Olympics 2024, at a grand ceremony held at KV DRDO. The event, organised by KVS regional office Bengaluru, honoured her remarkable achievements. Other student achievers were also recognised. The event commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp, followed by a heartfelt welcome speech by Shri Ravi Venkateswer Rao, Principal. Distinguished guests included Shri Dharmendra Patle, District Commissioner, and Shri R Pramod, Assistant Commissioner. Highlights included the felicitation and certificate distribution, particularly to Dhinidhi, a class IX student and outstanding swimmer, and Prateek Koundilya, a class 10 badminton talent. The event concluded with inspiring speeches and a vote of thanks by the Headmaster.

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(Govt of Karnataka)
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER P.W.D DIVISION SEDAM

No. EE/PWD/Dvn/Sed/TS- 1/2023-24/758 Date : 20-07-2024

-:: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION ::-

1) Details of Works : 1. Total no of work **02** in Chincholi taluka Indent No's are as follows: Under **K.K.R.D.B – 11189, 11730,** 2. Total no of Work 01 In Chittapur taluka Indent No's are as follows : Under **MLC Grant** : **10685/CALL-2,** 3. Total no of Work 01 In Sedam taluka Indent No's are as follows : **Under 2059 : 4288/CALL-2,** 2) Head of Account: **Under K.K.R.D.B & 2059, MLC Grant For the year 2024-25,** 3) Amount Put to Tender : Lowest Estimate Cost: **Rs. 4.99 Lakhs,** Highest Estimate Cost : **Rs. 185.00 Lakhs,** 4) Eligibility of Contractor : Class-3 contractor & Above, 5) Pre-Bid Meeting Date : **25-07-2024, Morning 11:30 Hrs,** 6) Last date & time for Tender Queries & receipt of tenders: **26-07-2024 - 17:30:00 Hrs,** 7) Tender Form Fee & EMD Amount: Tender processing fee & EMD As per e-portal, 8) Last date & time for receipt of tenders: **29-07-2024 - 16:00:00 Hrs,** 9) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid: **30-07-2024 - 16:30:00 Hrs,** 10) Date & Time for opening of Financial Bid: **01-08-2024 - 16:30:00 Hrs,** 11) Communication Address: Office of the Executive Engineer P.W.D Division Sedam, 12) Internet Address: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**, 13) If any changes for Cancelation: Any Changes and cancelations are done in **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** **Note:** 1) The undersigned has to power to postponement/rejecting the tenders, 2) If any changes are there in upcoming days These Tenders are not published in tender bulletin it should be read in **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Portal.

DIPR/Kalaburagi/233/KSMC&A/2024-25

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
P.W.D Division Sedam

Government of Karnataka
Department of Collegiate and Technical Education

N0. 1, Unnatha Shikshana Soudha, Sheshadri Road, Bangalore – 560 001
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No.: DCE/ITS/PUR/11/2024-INFO (Computer No. 1435381) **Date: 22.07.2024**

E-Tender Notification

The Commissioner for Collegiate and Technical Education, Bangalore hereby invites bids in Two-Cover system through e-Procurement portal from eligible bidders for the following Tender. The Tender Documents with detailed terms and conditions may be obtained from the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Tender Schedules are as below

Sl. No.	Tender Name & Number	Date of Floating Tender on e- Procurement Portal	Date and Time of pre-bid meeting	Last date and Time for bidding through eprocurement portal
1.	**Tender No: DCE/2024-25/IND0015/Call-2** "Supply of ICT Equipment's for Mandya Unitary University of the Department of Collegiate and Technical Education, Bangalore"	22/07/2024	25/07/2024 11.30 AM	30/07/2024 5.30 PM
2.	**Tender No: DCE/2024-25/IND0022** "Supply, Installation and maintenance of Science Lab Equipment's to RUSA Phase 1 and Phase 2 Colleges under the purview of Department of Collegiate and Technical Education, Bangalore"	22/07/2024	25/07/2024 11.00 AM	05/08/2024 5.30 PM

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Sd/-
Commissioner of Collegiate and Technical Education, Bangalore

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KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru.

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Karnataka Housing Board invite tender from the eligible Pre-qualified contractors in Karnataka Housing Board through Karnataka public procurement portal for below mentioned works.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Work Indent & IFT No.	Amount put to tender (in Rs.)
1.	Construction of Government First Grade College Building at Chanagiri in Davanagere District under SDP 2021-22 Scheme.	Tender Reference No. KHB/2023-24/ BD/WORK_INDENT 173 CALL-3 & IFT No. 179/2023-24, Date: 19.07.2024	1,31,06,473/-
2.	Construction of Government First Grade College Building at Santebennur in Davanagere District under SDP 2021-22 Scheme.	Tender Reference No. KHB/2023-24/ BD/WORK_INDENT 174 CALL-3 & IFT No. 180/2023-24, Date: 19.07.2024	1,31,64,642/-
3.	Construction of Additional Classrooms to Government First Grade College Building at Gudibande, Chikkaballapura District under SDP 2021-22 Scheme.	Tender Reference No. KHB/2023-24/ BD/WORK_INDENT 192 CALL-3 & IFT No. 198/2023-24, Date: 19.07.2024	37,68,555/-
4.	Construction of Additional Classrooms to Government First Grade College Building at Gundlupete, Chamarajanagara District under SDP 2021-22 Scheme.	Tender Reference No. KHB/2023-24/ BD/WORK_INDENT 201 CALL-3 & IFT No. 205/2023-24, Date: 19.07.2024	1,52,14,894/-

LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF BID: 29-07-2024 UP TO 4.00 PM

For further information, contact below mentioned Office Address:
Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru.
Telephone No.: 080-22273511 / 080-22100077. Website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

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Sd/- Superintending Engineer, KHB

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ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಮೈನಪಾ/ಕಾ.ಇಂ(ಪೂ)/ಸಾ.ಟೆಂ.ಪ್ರ–05/2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15.07.2024

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

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No.CAL/CR/29/2023/E-220896/C1 Date: 16.07.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of wreck removal to registered and certified owner of the MV Princess Miral

I Deputy Commissioner & District Magistrate Dakshina Kannada District, Mangaluru do hereby issue this Public notice under section 397 of Merchant Shipping act-1958 to the Bona fide and certified owner of the MV Princess Miral (Ship IMO Number – 9016727 and MMSI number-312521000) for wreck removal in position 12 deg 45.24 N and 074 deg 50.58 E, which had partly sunk at 1430hrs on 21-06-2022 in Ullala Coast, Dakshina Kannada District of Karnataka, India.

The wreck of the sunken vessel MV Princess Miral is laying abandon in dangerous condition, which is causing hindrance to the safe navigation of the vessels including fishing activities and posing threat to the marine environment, Coastal area and safety of life at sea.

The Indian Coast Guard has repatriated 15 crew members of the vessel safely to their home countries on 1-09-2022, However no owner acknowledge this incident and came forward to claim the vessel to remove it.

It is made clear that as an emergency safety measures Deputy Commissioner & District Magistrate Dakshina Kannada District, Mangaluru has directed the M/S Bansal Endevours LLP for wreck removal who has taken the steps for the same to avoid further calamities at sunken site. The liability on the sunken ship incurred required to be paid or settled by the claimant of the ship.

I District Magistrate Dakshinakannada District, Mangaluru hereby direct the registered and certified Ship owner bring certified true copies of certificates and documents to establish rightful ownership of the vessel and if having any interest to remove wreck from the sea bed & clear the navigational channel and called upon to claim their right and liabilities within the 30 days from the publication of this notice. Failure to comply with this notice within the stipulated period may result in legal action as deemed appropriate under the relevant laws. Otherwise, District Administration will take the appropriate action to dispose off the wreck.

Note: This is issued for publication 23 July 24 for the rightful claimants.

DIPR/ADM/KSMCA/289/24-25 dt.22.07.2024

Sd/-, Deputy Commissioner & District Magistrate
Dakshina Kannada District, Mangaluru

Govt. of Karnataka
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, Sri Malai Mahadeswara Swamy Kshethra Development Authority,
Mahadeswara Hills, Hanur Taluk, Chamarajanagar District.

Telephone No. : 08225-272128 / Fax : 272123 Email : sec.mmtemple@gmail.com

No. S.M.M.K.D.A./4/PR/16/2024-25 Dated : 19-07-2024

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Secretary Sri Malai Mahadeswara Swamy Kshethra Development Authority, M.M. Hills invites E-tender for **CONSTRUCTION OF STEPS AND DRAIN IN FRONT OF SEVA COUNTER AT SRI MALAI MAHADESHWARA HILLS** subject to the following conditions in accordance with Karnataka Transparency in Public procurement rules 1999-2000 & as per standard Tender documents for procurement of services. For further details please refer website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Sub title Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowment (hrice), Malai Mahadeswara Temple Chamarajanagara Dt. Help line 08225-272128 & mobile no. 9448360998 (Mr. M. Selvaganapathi). The below ention E.M.D. amount should be pay through E-procurement.

Sl No	Details	Estimate Cost (Rs. Lakhs)	E.M.D. Amount (Rs. Lakhs)
01	**Construction of Steps and Drain In Front Of Seva Counter At Sri Malai Mahadeshwara Hills**	51.00	1,02,000.00

The Details and Calendar of events are as follows :

1.	E-Tender Documents will be effective	20-07-2024	Afterwards
2.	Tender enquiry up to	05-08-2024	4.00 pm
3	Last Date & Time for Receipt of E-Tender	07-08-2024	4.00 pm
4.	Date & Time of Opening Technical Bid	09-08-2024	5.00 pm
5.	Date & Time of Opening Financial Bid	12-08-2024 or after technical bid evaluation date will be intimated to successful bidder	

DIPR : CHANAGAR:124:2024-25

Sd/- Secretary, Sri Malai Mahadeswara Swamy
Kshethra Development Authority, Mahadeswara Hills

SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM LIMITED
CIN U75302KL2017SGC05027

GEM Procurement CANCELLATION NOTICE

This is to inform all concerned parties that the project of Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited, titled **"SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, COMMISSIONING, OPERATION and MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLE MOUNTED HIGH-CAPACITY SUCTION cum JETTING MACHINE,"** with GEM Procurement Number **GEM/2024/B/4975200**, has been cancelled.
The above project is tendered through Kerala etender portal
For more details, please visit https://**etenders.kerala.gov.in/**

(sd/-) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM Ltd.

Government of Kerala
Published Tenders from 18-07-2024 to 21-07-2024
Stationery Department

Tender ID: 2024_STY_681313_1 * Controller of Stationery * Maplitho Paper 75 gsm, RA1 (61 x 86 cm) * Closing Date: 19-Aug-2024 * PAC: Rs31500000

Tender ID: 2024_STY_681339_1 * Controller of Stationery * Supply of Maplitho Paper 75 gsm, 86 cm Reel * Closing Date: 19-Aug-2024 * PAC: Rs35000000

Visit **https://etenders.kerala.gov.in** for more details.

Ro.No:18-21/Jul/2024/PRD/(N)9

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E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

E-Procurement Tenders are invited for purchase of High Voltage Insulating Rubber Mat Sheet under (TN-2006) (UBN JVV2425GLOB00432), HT Trivector Meter with DLMS Protocol Category B and Category C-1 (TN-2008) (UBN JVV2425GLOB00445), Torch Chargeable LED Type (TN-2010) (UBN JVV2425GLOB00443), Spanner Set (Double ended Open Type and Ring Type) (TN-2011) (UBN JVV2425GLOB00444) and Rate contract for Photo copying works (TN-2009) (UBN JVV2425WSRC00422).

Details regarding Quantity, Tender cost, Earnest Money, Schedule date of tender opening for aforesaid tenders are available on our website at http://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jdvvnl and also at http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in

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Raj.Samwad/C/24/2572

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ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಎನ್.ಹೆಚ್.ಎಂ./ಆರ್.ಸಿ.ಹೆಚ್./ 132/2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ :18/07/2024

"ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

2024–25ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಅಭಿಯಾನದ NQAS ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವಿಧ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಾಮಾಗ್ರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ಸೇವೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 1999 ನಿಯಮಗಳು 200 ರ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ದ್ವಿ–ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ, ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಾಸ್ತವೇಜುಗಳನ್ನು ಇಂದೀಕರಿಸಲು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **ದಿ:18–07–2024 ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ:–01–08–2024** ಸಮಯ ಸಂಜೆ: 05:00 ಗಂಟೆಯ ವರೆಗೆ, ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೊತ್ತ **ರೂ.58,26,100/–** ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ.ಮೊತ್ತ **ರೂ. 1,16,522/–** ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಿ.

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ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಕೃಷಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸಮಿತಿಯು 2023–24 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಕ್ರಿಯಾ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾಗಿರುವ ಕೃಷಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸಮಿತಿ, ಯಶವಂತಪುರ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಪ್ರಾಂಗಣದ, ಎಂ.ಜಿ ಸಂಕೀರ್ಣ ಕಟ್ಟಡಕ್ಕೆ ಲಿಫ್ಟ್ ಅಳವಡಿಸುವುದು, ನವೀಕರಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಮತ್ತು 1ನೇ ಮಹಡಿಯ ಶೌಚಾಲಯ ದುರಸ್ತಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋದಾಯಿತ STD KW-3 ರಂತೆ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ **ರೂ. 56,48,632/– (ಜಿಎಸ್‌ಟಿ ಸೇರಿ) ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ 04 ತಿಂಗಳು,** ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ **ರೂ. 1,13,000/–**. ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **09–08–2024 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ**. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅರ್ಹತಾ ಷರತ್ತು–ವಾ–ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು

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ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ

SAMAGRA SHIKSHNA ABHIYAAN
OFFICE OF THE DDPI & EX-OFFICIO, DISTRICT PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR
SSK,#1-9-74 MAVINA KERE ROAD,
AZAD NAGAR, RAICHUR-584101

NO.A2/SSKR/KKGBV FOOD TENDER PRA/2024-25
DATE: 19.07.2024

TENDER NOTICE

This is to bring notice to the public that for the year 2024-25 tenders has been invited for supply of prepared food for (Preparation at the site and supply) 05 KKGBV hostels separately through short term tender. Interested Bidders can be participated in the tenders through online portal http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Availability of tender applications in online from 20/07/2024 and last date for applying the tender is 03/08/2024.

Amount put to tender:- KKGBV Residential Hostels is Rs. 68,75,000/-

Sd/- DDPI & EX-OFFICIO,
DISTRICT PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR
SAMAGRA SHIKSHA KARNATAKA-RAICHUR

DIP/RCR/127/KSMCA/126/2024-25

Government of Karnataka - Zilla Panchayat
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Panchayat Raj Engineering Department,
Chikkamagalur

Phone No: 08262-220936 E-Mail: zpedckm@rediffmail.com
Tender Notification No: AE/03/2024-25 Date:16.07.2024

-: Tender Notification:-

Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, Chikkamagaluru invites tender through KPPP for conducting third party inspection and quality assurance certificate for the work of 3054 Task Force, 5054 & 3054 Maintenance Project works in Chikkamagaluru district. As per Standard Tender Document (Service), the details should be attached regarding the ability to undertake or have performed the work of maximum amount of Rs.50.00 lakhs. The documents downloaded from KPP Portal. Date & time for upload the duly filled documents: From 16.07.2024 to 30.07.2024 within 5.00 pm. Date & time for opening of Technical bids : 01.08.2024 at 5.00 PM If possible, date & time for opening of financial bids : 05.08.2024 at 5.00 PM If any accidental holiday on this date, it will be considered to open on the next working day. The tender details can be accessed at www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in . For more details contact the Subject Manager during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, Chikkamagaluru

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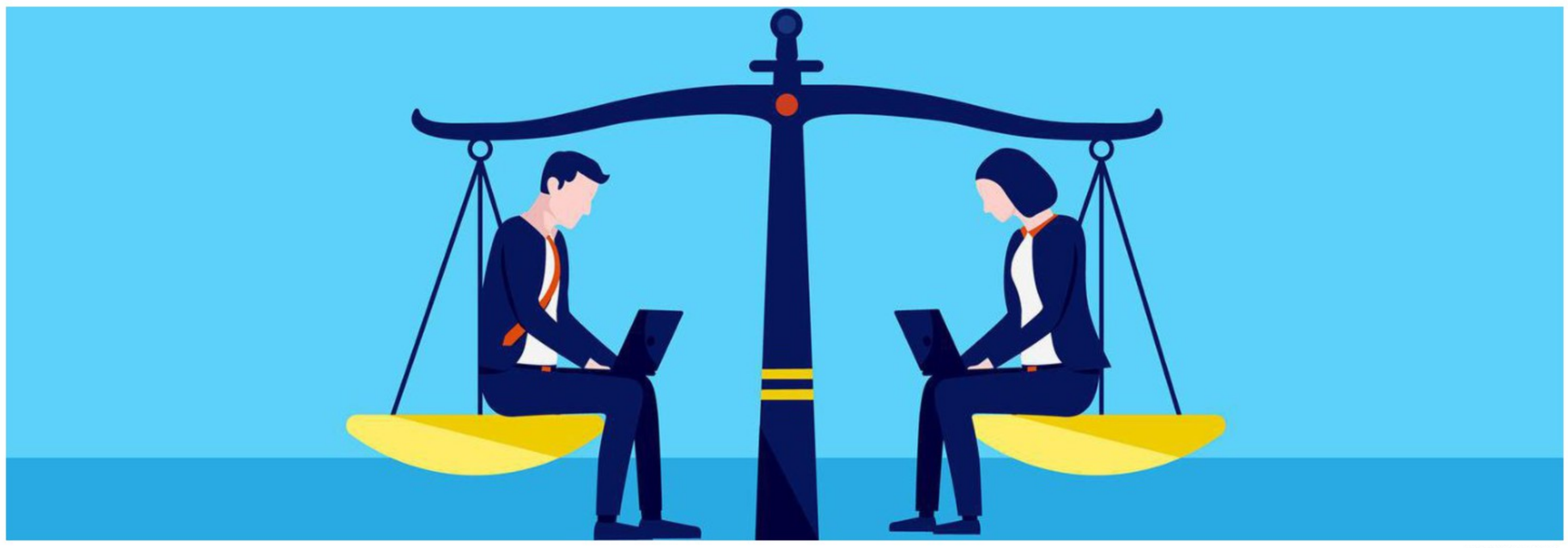
ABSTRACT



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Inclusivity in corporate board rooms: comparing Europe and India

Scholars have emphasised the importance of having women on corporate boards, suggesting that board efficiency is greatly influenced by its composition. A look at the impact of having women directors on corporate boards and the need for government-mandated gender diversity quotas

Rebecca Rose Varghese

Sinha, S.N., Rajpal, H. and Girisha, G., 'Gender Diversity on the Board of Indian Companies: A Policy Gap', *Economic & Political Weekly*, Vol 59, Issue No. 26-27, June 29, 2024

As more women enter the corporate workforce, understanding their experiences and the impact of gender diversity has become crucial. Scholars are examining this issue from economic, cultural, and social perspectives, investigating how gender dynamics function within traditionally male-dominated environments. Research increasingly focuses on how women's involvement, particularly in leadership roles, influences organisational culture and performance. Analysing these changes provides insights into how gender diversity can reshape and drive progress in sectors historically not designed with women in mind, making them more accessible and inclusive for an evolving world.

Background

Many scholars have emphasised the importance of having women on corporate boards, suggesting that board efficiency is greatly influenced by its composition. A diverse board can better address the needs and perspectives of both employees and clients, leading to improved corporate performance. Although there is evidence of a positive correlation between gender diversity on boards and enhanced corporate outcomes, the global gender gap persists, often due to entrenched "old boy networks" within companies. While progress is being made, data suggests that closing the gender gap may take decades without mandatory rules and government regulations to enforce inclusion.

While stereotypes often label women as risk-averse and thus unsuitable for leadership in the competitive corporate sector, studies reveal two things. First, women's considerate and cautious approach to risk has, in fact, enhanced company efficiency and success, especially during crises. Second, the concept of the "glass cliff" frequently places women in high-stakes positions designed to set them up for failure, reinforcing gender stereotypes. Despite these hurdles, women have proven successful in leadership roles.

Moreover, research indicates that while tokenism theory – such as appointing only one woman to a board – does little to drive meaningful change, having a more balanced proportion of women on boards can significantly benefit companies. Quotas have proven to have a positive impact, especially in cultures with lower gender ratios and higher power distances.

It is in this context that authors Shiv Nath Sinha, Hanish Rajpal, and Gyanda Girisha analyse the laws and regulations regarding gender quotas in corporate governance in India and Europe. Their comprehensive review of existing literature and comparative analysis of European and Indian regulations highlight how a more inclusive approach, supported by government regulations, can drive positive change in India, drawing on examples from Europe.

Methodology

This analysis covers data from 17,753 firm-years across 20 countries, examining the impact of having women directors between 2013 and 2022. This quantitative study, which includes multiple tables, encompasses all listed companies in these countries, excluding those without available data on women directors and countries with fewer than 10 companies in the dataset.

Quotas and implementation

Quotas are viewed as a strategy to enhance diversity. Konrad et al. (2008) found that around 30% of female representation positively impacts board dynamics. For instance, Norway's mandatory 40% gender quota significantly increased board independence, especially since women leaders were found to be more independent thinkers. Authors suggest that such regulations reflect a country's commitment to inclusivity and the recognition that women need to be included in corporate setups to ensure societal change. This is also indicative of changing attitudes toward gender equality and fostering a fairer environment.

After 2010, several countries, including Austria, Germany, France, Belgium, Greece, Italy, Portugal, and The Netherlands, mandated that at least 20% of board members be women. For example, Austria mandated 25% women directors in state-owned companies by 2013, which rose to 40% by 2020, and 30% of each gender on supervisory boards of large companies in 2017.

While mandatory inclusion was established in these European countries, other countries like Switzerland, Poland, Spain, and the U.K. adopted a "comply or explain" approach rather than strict mandates. For instance, in 2020, Switzerland introduced Article 734f under the Swiss Code of Obligations, which required at least 30% of women on boards and 20% on executive boards of large companies, without penalties for non-compliance if proper reasons were given. Such norms are expected to have a more flexible approach to inclusion and gender diversity while keeping in mind the nature of corporate structures.

In some countries, such as Denmark, Ireland, Luxembourg, Finland, Sweden, and Russia, a more self-regulatory approach is taken, leaving the decision to company norms and regulations. There are no binding quotas or explanations required, but recommendations are made in company rules and regulations. For instance, the Swedish Corporate Governance Code (2024) recommends striving for gender balance. Interestingly, in most of these countries, even these recommendations only began by 2020.

Across all these countries, whether through mandates, or recommendations, the implementation of gender quotas through company law or governance codes ranges from 20% to 40%.

In India, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and the Securities and Exchange Board have periodically formed committees to ensure gender diversity in corporate boards to enhance corporate performance. Although the Companies (Amendment) Bill of 2003 proposed the inclusion of women directors, it was withdrawn due to backlash from companies. When the Bill was reintroduced in 2008 and 2009, it omitted this provision, as many companies argued there were no qualified women available to fill board positions. However, in 2013, the Companies Bill 2012 was passed, mandating that every listed company and certain large unlisted public companies must have at least one woman director, despite resistance from the corporate sector.

Comparing the two worlds

Numbers suggest a significant rise in the share of women on corporate boards over the last decade. However, while there has been a small increase in the share of women directors in India, the rise has been more pronounced in Europe. For instance, Portugal had only 5.90% of women directors in 2013, but by 2022, this figure had increased to over 35%. In contrast, India only reached 18.23% by 2022. The authors explain that this disparity is due to European countries implementing mandates and regulations for gender inclusion quotas, while India lagged behind.

Interestingly, the study notes that more women directors were found in the private sector (18%) compared to the public sector (13%) in India. Despite the norms, more than half of the sector has only one female board member, representing mere tokenism. This was the case in about 50% of private companies, while the share was over 30% for public companies. The authors suggest that such gestures indicate a lack of true commitment to gender inclusivity and representation.

Yet, while other countries view increased representation of women on corporate boards as a significant achievement in the right direction, having even one woman on the boards in India must be seen as a step towards greater inclusion and diversity.

Through an in-depth quantitative comparison, the paper highlights a critical issue that will determine progress in our country both socially and economically. To improve gender diversity, especially in the corporate sector, India must observe and adopt norms from Europe and align with international practices to become more inclusive.

Rebecca Rose Varghese is a freelance journalist.

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EXPLAINER

The NEET-UG's baffling physics question

The top Court has asked experts at IIT Delhi to determine the correct answer to an ambiguous question

Vasudevan Mukunth

The Supreme Court has asked IIT Delhi to put together a team of three experts to check whether a physics question in the 2024 NEET-UG paper could have two correct answers. The check comes on the back of a challenge from some students who gave the exam, alleging that the list of top-ranked students could change depending on how the students were marked on this question. The question is in the form of two statements followed by four options. The student is required to pick one option, with the assumption that only one of the four options is correct. The question is as follows:

1. Atoms are electrically neutral as they contain equal numbers of positive and negative charges.

2. Atoms of each element are stable and emit their characteristic spectrum.

The options are: (i) 1 is correct and 2 is incorrect (ii) 1 is incorrect and 2 is correct (iii) 1 and 2 are both correct (iv) 1 and 2 are both incorrect

The clear and the ambiguous

The first statement is clear: it refers to the numbers of protons and electrons in an atom. Atoms are electrically neutral by definition; charged atoms are called ions.

The second statement is more ambiguous. It can be split into two, before and after the "and". The statement after is that the atoms of each element emit a characteristic spectrum. 'Spectrum' in this context refers to the range of energy levels an atom can have. It depends on the gaps between the energy levels electrons in the atom can occupy. This in turn depends on the total charge. Every element has a characteristic spectrum, and this part of statement 2 is correct.

The ambiguity arises in the first part: that "atoms of each element are stable". This is not always true because of the existence of isotopes, IIT Mandi Assistant Professor Nirmalya Kajuri said. An isotope of an atom has the same number of protons (and electrons) but a different number of neutrons. Many isotopes are unstable as a result; some isotopes are also more unstable than others. Unstable atoms can undergo radioactive decay and turn into an isotope of a different element. One way to measure the extent of stability is by the amount of time required for the number of an element's atoms to halve by radioactive decay, called the half-life.

For example, carbon-8 and carbon-14 are isotopes of the element carbon. Carbon-8 has a half-life of around 10^{-21} seconds whereas carbon-14 has a half-life of around 5,700 years. Thus, carbon-14 atoms are a lot more stable than carbon-8 atoms. Stability is arguably also subjective: that is no atom is perfectly stable and each atom is only more or less stable than another. This may not have been the meaning of the question in the NEET-UG paper, but if it was, statement no. 2 would be correct only for isotopes like tellurium-128, which has a life of around 10^{24} years – 100-trillion times longer than the age of the universe itself!

Final answer?

Thus, of the four options available, those that say statement no. 1 is correct are definitely correct whereas statement no. 2 could be right or wrong depending on the isotope in question. That is, both options (i) and (iii) could be correct. But the 'official answer' is based on what the NCERT chemistry textbook states: that "all atoms of an element are stable" as per an old version or that "most" atoms are stable according to the new one.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

As U.S. President Joe Biden drops out of the American electoral race, a quiz on Democrat Presidents of the U.S. over the years

V. V. Ramanan

QUESTION 1
How many Democrat nominees have been elected U.S. Presidents and who is the first in the list?

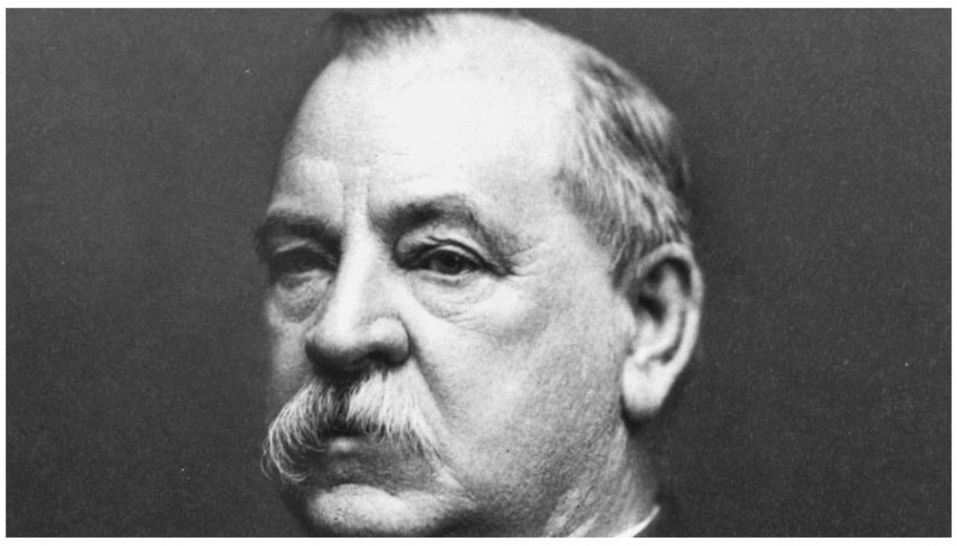
QUESTION 2
How many women have been named Democrat nominees for the U.S. Presidency?

QUESTION 3
Which of the two Roosevelts who have been U.S. Presidents was a Democrat?

QUESTION 4
Of the four U.S. Presidents to win a Nobel Prize, three have been Democrats. Name all three.

QUESTION 5
Name the 35th President of the United States who was assassinated.

QUESTION 6
Which individual, who later became President, has been the only Democrat to have been a vice president with the President being a Republican?



Visual question:
Name this Democrat U.S. President. What distinction does he hold?

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. A crater on the moon is named after this Italian astronomer noted for his contributions to lens-making for telescopes. **Ans: Carlo Antonio Manzini**
2. Chandrayaan 1 discovered water ice on the moon's surface with the Moon Impact Probe, and this instrument. **Ans: Moon Mineralogy Mapper**
3. Name the component of the Chandrayaan 2 mission still online and conducting operations. **Ans: Orbiter**
4. The American moon mission that landed south in the Malapert A crater. **Ans: IM-1**
5. The feat achieved by China with its Chang'e 6 mission. **Ans: Sample return**
Visual: Name this device that the Pragyaan rovers on both Chandrayaan 2 and Chandrayaan 3 carried. **Ans: Retroreflector**
Early Birds: Dilsha Raveendran| Sudeep Yadav

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ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಬೆಂಅಪ್ರಾ/ವಿಭೂಸ್ವಾಅ–2/ಪ.ಆರ್.ಆರ್–1/583/2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ:05.07.2024

ನೋಟೀಸು

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅನೇಕಲ್ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಸರ್ಜಾಪುರ–2 ಹೋಬಳಿಯ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಾದ ಹುಸ್ಕೂರು, ಚಿಕ್ಕನಾಗಮಂಗಲ, ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಬೇಗೂರು–2 ಹೋಬಳಿಯ, ದೊಡ್ಡಕೋಗೂರು, ದೊಡ್ಡನಾಗಮಂಗಲ, ಕೋನಪ್ಪನ ಅಗ್ರಹಾರ, ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿನ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಭೂಮಾಲೀಕರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ:–

ಪೆರಿಫೆರಲ್ ರಿಂಗ್ ರಸ್ತೆ ಭಾಗ–1 **ನೈಸ್ ಇಂಟಗ್ರೇಷನ್–ಹೊಸೂರು ಯೋಜನೆಗೆ** ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ನಿಶ್ಚಯಿಸಿ ಬಿಡಿಎ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1976 ಕಲಂ 17(1) & (3) ರಡಿ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:BDA/SLAO-2/179/2021-22 ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಿನಾಂಕ:18.04.2022 ಅನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಪತ್ರ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04.05.2022ರಂದು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಸದರಿ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ದಿ:11.05.2022 ರಂದು ಕನ್ನಡಪ್ರಭ ದಿನಪತ್ರಿಕೆ ಹಾಗೂ ದಿ ಹಿಂದೂ ದಿನಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ತಿಳುವಳಿಕೆಗೋಸ್ಕರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿ ಭೂಮಾಲೀಕರು/ ಅನುಭವದಾರರು/ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತದಾರರ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳೇನಾದರೂ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವಂತೆ ಸೂಚಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನಿನ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನತೆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಭೂಮಾಲೀಕರು/ಅನುಭವದಾರರು/ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತದಾರರು ಆದ ನೀವು ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ನಿಮ್ಮಲ್ಲಿ ಇರಬಹುದಾದ ಹಕ್ಕುದಾರಿಕೆ ಸಾಬೀತುಪಡಿಸುವ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅಥವಾ ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನಿನ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನತೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳೇನಾದರೂ ಇದ್ದರೆ, ವಿಶೇಷ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು–2 (ಪ.ಆರ್.ಆರ್. ಭಾಗ–1) ರವರಿಗೆ ಈ ನೋಟೀಸ್ ದಿನಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾದ ಹದಿನೈದು ದಿನಗಳೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಹಾಜರಾಗಿ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಹಕ್ಕುದಾರಿಕೆ ಸಾಬೀತುಪಡಿಸುವ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳು/ಲಿಖಿತ ಹೇಳಿಕೆ/ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವಂತೆ ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಸೂಚಿಸಿದೆ. ಸದರಿ ದಿನಾಂಕದೊಳಗೆ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಲಿಖಿತ ಹೇಳಿಕೆ/ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಸದರಿ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನತೆಗೆ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಸಮ್ಮತಿ ಇರುವುದಾಗಿ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಿ, ಕಾನೂನಿನಂತೆ ಮುಂದಿನ ಕ್ರಮ ಜರುಗಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು ಎಂದು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ವಿಶೇಷ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾಧಿಕಾರಿ–2, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

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SCHEDULE

Sl No	Name of the Kathedars/ Anubhavadrs. Smts./ Sriyuths	Sy No	Hissa	Whether / Dry /Wet / Garden	Total Extent A	Total Extent G	Kharab Land A	Kharab Land G	Remaining Extent A	Remaining Extent G	Assessment Rs.Ps	Extent Proposed for Acquisition A	Extent Proposed for Acquisition G	Bounded by Survey Numbers, Road and Village Border East	West	North	South
1	2	3	4	5	6		7		8		9	10		11	12	13	14
01.VILLAGE : HUSKURU					**HOBLI : SARJAPURA-2**									**TALUK : ANEKAL**			
1	H.T.Nagaraju S/o Thirumalappa,Kakkappa S/o Mavaliga	134	*	Dry	2	23	0	06	2	17	3.84			134 Part	Chikkanagamangala village boundary	136	134 Part
2	H.T.Nagaraju S/o. Thirumalappa, D.Nagaraju S/o Late Dodda Maddurappa Yane Maddurappa, N.Sampangappa S/o. Late Narayanappa, M. Krishnareddy S/o. Late Muniswamy Reddy	134	1	Dry	1	25.50	0	04	1	21.50	2.4	0	01	134 Part	Chikkanagamangala village boundary	136	134 Part
3	RTC Not Found	134	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
4	Archana Sathish D/o Late Sidda Reddy.	134	4	Dry	0	06.25	0	0	0	06.25	0.25			134 Part	Chikkanagamangala village boundary	136	134 Part
5	Ashok Reddy S/o Late K G Venkataswamy Reddy	134	4	Dry	0	06.25	0	0	0	06.25	0.25			134 Part	Chikkanagamangala village boundary	136	134 Part
6	N Chandra Reddy S/o K R Narayana Reddy	136	1	Dry	3	11	0	04	3	07	5.09			136 Part	Sy.No 21	137 Part	134/2 Part
7	N Krishnappa N Chandra Reddy N Nagaraju S/o Late K R Narayana Reddy	136	1	Dry	3	13	0	04	3	09	5.11	1	7.25	136 Part	Sy.No 21 &12	137 Part	134/2 Part
8	N Chandra Reddy S/o K R Narayana Reddy	137	*	Dry	2	26	0	03	2	23	4.08	0	35	137 Part	Sy.No 12	138	136
9	N.Krishnappa, N. Chandra Reddy, N.Nagaraju S/o Late K.R.Narayanareddy	138	*	Dry	3	19	0	19	3	00	4.74	1	5.25	138 Part	138 Part	139 & 140	137
10	Neeraganti Naukari, Munishami S/o. Maddurappa, Muniyappa S/o. Kaverappa, Venkataramanappa, Gullappa, C.Chandrappa S/o. Chinnappa	140	*	Dry	2	03	0	06	1	37	3.05	0	34	139	140 Part	141	138
11	Venkataswamy S/o Late Yallappa, Pillappa S/o Nanjappa, Nagesh S/o Late Mariyappa, Joint	141	1	Dry	3	38	0	03	3	35	6.13	0	20.50	143	141 Part	141 Part	140
12	M.Kaverappa S/o. Munichinnappa, Prasad P. S/o. .Pappanna	141	2	Dry	0	37.75	0	00	0	37.75	1.50	0	17	143	141 Part	141 Part	140
13	NALA(Halla)	Nala										0	3.50	143, 142	141	Nala	140, 139
	TOTAL				**24**	**8.75**	**1**	**9**	**22**	**39.75**		**5**	**2.5**				
02. VILLAGE : CHIKKANAGAMANGALA					**HOBLI : SARJAPURA-2**									**TALUK : ANEKAL**			
1	M.Krishnareddy S/o Late Muniswamy reddy,H.M. Ramakrishna reddy S/o. Muniyappa reddy,N. Sampangappa S/o Late Narayanappa,K.G Venkataswamy Reddy S/o. Late Gurappa Reddy,T. Ravi Kumar S/o. Thimma Mariyappa,Srirama Reddy S/o. Late Chikka Nanjunda Reddy, M Parvathi W/o Raju.	11	*	Dry	4	24	0	16	4	08	6.64	0	0.25	Husukuru Village Boundary	5	11 part	12
2	Jayanna Yane Jayapal, N. Ashok Kumar S/o N. Narayanappa, N. Savithramma W/o. Krishnareddy, Muniraju Yane Chinnappa, Narayanappa N. Sananda umar,Sananda Kumar S/o Narayanappa, G S Sheshagiri Rao S/o G Surya Narayana Rao	12	*	Dry	6	26	0	01	6	25	4.85	0	26.50	Husukuru Village Boundary	12 Part	11	21
3	Chinnappa, Yallappa, Bhimappa, Sarkara.	18	*	Dry	3	14	0	01	3	13	5.26	0	6.50	19	44	18 Part	28
4	Akkayyamma D/o Muniyamma	19	1	Dry	0	26	0	01	0	25	1.00	1	30.50	23,24 & 27	18	19 Part	28
5	Rajashekar, Rajeshwari , Jagadamba Bin Late Subbanna,Jayyamma W/o Late Nanjappa, Revanna, Puttaraju, Nanjundappa, Shivananda, Manjula Bin Late Nanjappa	19	2	Dry	0	25	0	01	0	24	0.95			23,24 & 27	18	19 Part	28
6	Dodda Muniswamy S/o Thimmayya	20	*	Dry	2	27	0	01	2	26	4.19	0	24.75	22	20 Part	21	23
7	Venkataramanappa S/o. Late Ramayya, R. Muniyappa S/o. Ramayya, N.Jayanna Yane Jayapal S/o. Late Narayanappa	21	1	Dry	3	18	0	02	3	16	5.38	2	17.50	Husukuru Village Boundary	21 Part	12	20 & 22
8	H. Prabhakar S/o. Hanumayya, H. Venugopal S/o Hanumayya	21	2	Dry	2	18	0	00	2	18	3.87			Husukuru Village Boundary	21 Part	12	20 & 22
9	R. Sarala W/o. R. Ravichandra	21	3	Dry	1	10	0	00	1	10	1.98			Husukuru Village Boundary	21 Part	12	20 & 22
10	N. Jayanna Yane N. Jayapal	22	1	Dry	1	26	0	00	1	26	2.77	1	14.25	22 Part	20 &23	21	25
11	N. Sananda Kumar S/o M. Narayanappa, N. Ashok Kumar S/o M. Narayanappa	22	2	Dry	1	24	0	00	1	24	2.69			22 Part	20 &23	21	25
12	R. Sarala W/o. R. Ravichandran	22	3	Dry	1	10	0	00	1	10	2.11			22 Part	20 &23	21	25
13	Sharadamma W/o Late Kaverappa, Muniyellappa S/o Channarayappa, Ramaswamy S/o Channarayappa, Laxmana S/o Channarayappa (Joint)	23	1	Dry	1	31	0	02	1	29	2.74	2	38.50	22	19	20 & 23 Part	24
14	Sunandha W/o K. G Muralidhara	23	2	Dry	0	24	0	01	0	23	0.92			22	19	20 & 23 Part	24
15	M. Thyagaraju S/o Late Mantalappa	23	3	Dry	0	26	0	01	0	25	1.00			22	19	20 & 23 Part	24
16	Jayamma W/o Munivenkatappa	23	4	Dry	0	31	0	00	0	31	1.23			22	19	20 & 23 Part	24
17	N. Raghu S/o Late Narasimmayya, H.V Mohan Kumar S/o. Veerabhadra reddy, Y. Anji S/o. Late Yellappa, M. Ramesh S/o. Muniyappa(Joint)	24	1	Dry	0	35	0	00	0	35	1.38	1	27.50	24 Part	19	23	27 & 24
18	Chinnmma W/o Late Kakappa Yane Chikka Kakappa	24	2	Dry	0	35	0	00	0	35	1.38					24 Part	19	23	27 & 24
19	K.Venkataswamy S/o Munikaverappa	24	3	Dry	1	20	0	00	1	20	2.38					24 Part	19	23	27 & 24
20	Sunil Kumar S/o Late. Srinivas, Vijayakumari W/o. Late Prakash, Manjunath S/o Late Krishna Yane Kutti, Nandini W/o Late Subramani, Gopi K S/o Late Krishna Yane Kutti, Shabari K D/o. Late Krishna Yane Kutti(Joint)	27	1	Dry	2	10	0	00	2	10	6.53	0	6.75			27 Part	28	24	27 Part & 28
21	P. Krishna yane Kutti S/o Pappanna	27	2	Converted	1	00	1	00	0	00	0.00					27 Part	28	24	27 Part & 28
22	Sarkari Golimangalada kere, P. Krishna	28	*	Dry	48	19	46	19	2	00	4.00	11	0.50			26 & 27	36,38	28 Part 18,44	28 Part
23	Gomala	31	*	Dry	94	35	94	35	0	00	0.00	6	32			91 & 92	Doddanagamangala Village Boundary	31 Part	31 Part
24	Sarkari Kere	32	*	Dry	12	26	12	26	0	00	0.00	0	10.75			84	96	96	32 Part
25	K.Subramanya naidu s/o K Narashimanaidu	35	1	Dry	0	38	0	00	0	38	1.90					Sy.No 36	Sy.No.84	Sy.No 37 &84	35 Part
26	Tammaiah, Lingappa, Sampangaiah s/o Munishamappa (Joint), A Ramareddy s/o Late A R Ashwatnarayana reddy,A Ramareddy s/o Late A R Ashwatnarayana reddy, A Ramareddy s/o Late A R Ashwatnarayana reddy, A Ramareddy s/o Late A R Ashwatnarayana reddy, A Ramareddy s/o Late A R Ashwatnarayana reddy, A Ramareddy s/o Late A R Ashwatnarayana reddy, A Ramareddy s/o Late A R Ashwatnarayana reddy, Manasa S c/o Late L Jaganath, G Muniraju s/o Girigowda, Chandrakala c/o Late R Mahesh, Santhosh s/o Late G Revanna(Joint) Padmavathi d/o Late G Revanna(Joint)	35	2	Dry	1	39	0	01	01	38	3.90					Sy.No 36	Sy.No.84	Sy.No 37 & 84	35 Part
27	Vijaykumar s/o Late Gurappa K N s/o Late Sushilamma	35	3	Dry	0	16	0	00	0	16	0.00	0	02			Sy.No 36	Sy.No.84	Sy.No.84	Remaining Extent
28	Rudrappa s/o Late Annayappa Bhu. Pa.Puttamma d/o Late Annayappa Bhu.Pa.A Chandrappa s/o Late Annayappa Bhu.Pa. Muniakkayamma d/o Late Annayappa Bhu. Pa. (Joint)	35	4	Dry	0	14	0	00	0	14	0.70					Sy.No 36	Sy.No.84	Sy.No.84	Remaining Extent
29	A Ramareddy s/o Late A R Ashwatnarayana reddy, Rep by his SPA Holder Sri Sathish Kumar s/o Chandrahasa	35	5	Dry	0	15	0	00	0	15	0.75					Sy.No 36	Sy.No.84	Sy.No.84	Remaining Extent
30	H.P Ramareddy s/o Chikkapapaiah Bhu.Pa	35	6	Dry	1	00	0	00	1	00	2.00					Sy.No 36	Sy.No.84	Sy.No.84	Remaining Extent
31	H.P Ramareddy s/o Chikkapapaiah Bhu.Pa	35	7	Dry	0	16	0	00	0	16	0.80					Sy.No 36	Sy.No.84	Sy.No.8	Remaining Extent
32	Nagaraja Reddy S/o Venkatashamappa, Chandrareddy S/o Venkatashamappa	36	1	Wet	0	35	0	00	0	35	1.66					28	35 & 37	38	36 Part
33	A Ramareddy S/o Late A R Ashwathnarayanareddy Rep by his SPA Holder Sri Sathish Kumar C S/o Chandrahasa-Bhu Pa	36	2	Dry	0	11.50	0	00	0	11.50	0.55	0	1.3.50			Sy.No.28	Sy.No35	Sy.No 38	Remaining Extent
34	R. Venkatesh Reddy S/o Late School Ram reddy	37	1	Wet	1	03	0	00	1	03	2.15					36 & 38	49&84	37 Part	37 Part
35	R. Venkatesh Reddy S/o Late School Ram reddy	37	2	Wet	0	12	0	00	0	12	0.60					36 & 38	49&84	37 Part	37 Part
36	A Ramareddy S/o Late A R Ashwath narayanareddy - Bhu Pa	37	3	Wet	0	04	0	00	0	04	0.20					36 & 38	49&84	37 Part	37 Part
37	A Ramareddy S/o Late A R Ashwath narayanareddy Rep by his SPA Holder Sri Sathish Kumar C S/o Chandrahasa-Bhu Pa	37	4	Wet	0	04	0	00	0	04	0.20					36 & 38	49&84	37 Part	37 Part
38	Munikrishnappa S/o Late Munishamappa Venkataswamy S/o Late Munishamappa Nagaraju S/o Munishamappa, Sampangi ramayya S/o Late Munishamappa , Munesha S/o Munishamappa (Joint)	37	5	Wet	0	04	0	00	0	04	0.20	1	1.25			36 & 38	49&84	37 Part	37 Part
39	Muniraju G. S/o. Giri Gowda	38	1	Wet	0	07.50	0	00	0	07.50	0.38					28	37 & 39	38 Part	36
40	A Ramareddy S/o Late A R Ashwath narayanareddy - Bhu Pa	38	2	Wet	0	03	0	00	0	03	0.15					28	37 & 39	38 Part	36
41	R. Venkatesha reddy S/o Late School Ram Reddy	38	3	Wet	0	09	0	00	0	09	0.45					28	37 & 39	38 Part	36
42	Manjula M D/o Muniraju	38	4	Wet	0	07	0	00	0	07	0.35					28	37 & 39	38 Part	36
43	Sathish M S/o Muniraju	38	5	Wet	0	07	0	00	0	07	0.35					28	37 & 39	38 Part	36
44	Sumithra M. D/o Muniraju	38	6	Wet	0	07	0	00	0	07	0.35					28	37 & 39	38 Part	36
45	Bhavya M D/o Muniraju	38	7	Wet	0	07	0	00	0	07	0.35					28	37 & 39	38 Part	36
46	Chandrakala C/o Late Ra Mahesh,Santhosh S/o Revanna, (Joint) Padmavathi Late G Revanna (Joint) Bhu.Pa	38	8	Wet	0	35.50	0	00	0	35.50	1.77	0	31			28	37 & 39	38 Part	36
47	Lakshamamma C/o Late Shamanna Reddy, Rajamma- Late Muniraju Reddy, Shakuntalamma-Dodda Ram Reddy, Velas Reddy- Dodda Ram Reddy, Nagaraju Reddy- Dodda Ram Reddy, Rathnamma -Dodda Ram Reddy, Vasanthakumari urp Baby- Dodda Ram Reddy(Joint)	49	1A	Wet	1	22	0	01	1	21	2.67	0	6.25			37	50	49 Part	84
48	M/s RD Buildtech and Developers(Karnataka) Private Limited, Rep by its Directors HP Rama Reddy S/o Late Chikkapapaiah	49	1A1	Wet	0	14	0	01	0	13	0.58					37	50	49 Part	84
49	M/s RD Buildtech and Developers (Karnataka) Private Limited, Rep by its SPA Holder S/o Chandrahasa	49	1B	Wet	1	19	0	00	1	19	2.50					37	50	49 Part	84
50	M Venkatesh S/o Munirama Reddy	49	2	Wet	1	05	0	00	1	05	5.60					37	50	49 Part	84
51	Naga S/o Rama	50	1	Dry	1	06.50	0	00	1	06.50	1.84					49	88	50 part	84
52	Madduramma C/o Gundappa Bhu.pa Ramakka-Muniyallappa-Bhu.Pa Ramakka-Munishamappa- Bhu.Pa Yallamma-Late Narayanappa-Bhu.Pa, Munithayamma C/o Late Govindappa, Bhu. Pa(Joint)	50	2	Dry	1	06	0	00	1	06	3.68	0	30.50			49	88	50 part	84
53	T.Kumar S/o Kondama Naidu T.	50	3	Dry	0	10	0	00	0	10	0.40					49	88	50 part	84

54	T.Kumar S/o Kondama Naidu T.	50	4	Dry	0	05.25	0	00	0	05.25	0.20			49	88	50 part	84
55	T.Kumar S/o Kondama Naidu T.	50	5	Dry	0	10	0	00	0	10	0.40			49	88	50 part	84
56	T.Kumar S/o Kondama Naidu T.	50	6	Dry	0	10.25	0	00	0	10.25	0.41			49	88	50 part	84
57	T.Kumar S/o Kondama Naidu T.	50	7	Dry	0	11	0	00	0	11	0.43			49	88	50 part	84
62	Munishami Reddy, SM. Prakash S/o. Muniswamy Reddy Chandra reddy S/o. Munishami reddy, Vasudeva Reddy M S/o Munishami reddy,	87	1	Dry	3	00	0	00	3	00	4.75	2	6.50	50	92	87 Part	88
63	M.Prabhakar S/o C Munireddy	87	2	Dry	1	01	0	00	1	01	1.62			50	92	87 Part	88
64	M. Chandra shekar S/o C.Munireddy	87	3	Dry	1	00	0	00	1	00	1.58			50	92	87 Part	88
65	M.Srinivas S/o C. Munireddy	87	4	Dry	1	00	0	00	1	00	1.58			50	92	87 Part	88
66	M.Reddappa S/o Late Subbanna, N.Yuvaraj S/o N Munirathnamma, B. Murali S/o. B. Subramanyam, P.Niranjan Shastri S/o P. Annadhanabatlu, Srinivas kumar bugata S/o Ramakrishna bugata, P. Chaturvedhi Shastri S/o P. Annadhanabatlu, Ganesh kumar G S/o Chenchuramayya, N Muniyappa S/o Late Nagappa, Sarkara,	88	1	Dry	2	14	0	00	2	14	2.14			50 & 84	92	87	88 Part & 96
67	Sucharitha W/o G Ravi	88	2	Dry	0	03	0	00	0	03	0.12			50 & 84	92	87	88 Part & 96
68	Ambika D/o Kemparaju	88	3	Dry	0	01	0	01	0	01	0.04			50 & 84	92	87	88 Part & 96
69	Sushilamma W/o Late Anand Prema W/o Armugam (Joint)	88	4	Dry	0	08	0	00	0	08	0.32	4	21	50 & 84	92	87	88 Part & 96
70	Srimathi Susheelamma Yane Susheelamma W/o Late Anand	88	5	Dry	0	08	0	00	0	08	0.32			50 & 84	92	87	88 Part & 96
71	Muniraju G. S/o. Giri Gowda	88	6	Dry	0	09	0	00	0	09	0.36			50 & 84	92	87	88 Part & 96
72	T.Kumar S/o Kondama Naidu	88	7	Dry	0	08	0	00	0	08	0.31			50 & 84	92	87	88 Part & 96
73	T.Kumar S/o Kondama Naidu	88	8	Dry	0	08	0	00	0	08	0.31			50 & 84	92	87	88 Part & 96
74	T.Kumar S/o Kondama Naidu	88	9	Dry	0	08	0	00	0	08	0.31			50 & 84	92	87	88 Part & 96
75	T.Kumar S/o Kondama Naidu	88	10	Dry	0	08	0	00	0	08	0.31			50 & 84	92	87	88 Part & 96
76	Uma P W/o Thimmarayappa	88	11	Dry	0	09	0	00	0	09	0.36			50 & 84	92	87	88 Part & 96
77	Thammayya S/o Munishamappa, Lingappa S/o Munishamappa, Sampangi Ramayya S/o Munishamappa (Joint).	91	1	Dry	2	00	0	00	2	00	2.94	0	22.50	85 & 86	31	91 Part	92
78	Manjunath M, Siddesh M S/o Mariyappa	91	2	Dry	1	00	0	00	1	00	1.47			85 & 86	31	91 Part	92
79	Sathish S/o Muniraju	91	3	Dry	1	04	0	00	1	04	1.62			85 & 86	31	91 Part	92
80	Sampangiramaya	92	1	Dry	2	08	0	00	2	08	2.96	2	25.50	87 & 88	31	91	92 Part
81	Munishamappa S/o Giriyappa	92	2	Dry	2	08	0	00	2	08	2.96			Sy.no 87 & 88	Sy.No 31	Sy.No 91	Remaining Extent
82	Rajashekar S/o Subbanna	96	1	Dry	2	02	0	02	2	00	2.52			32 & 84	88	88	96 Part
83	Santhosh S/o. G Revanna	96	2	Dry	0	08.50	0	00	0	08.50	0.27			32 & 84	88	88	96 Part
84	R.Padmavathi W/o Krishna murthy	96	3	Dry	0	08.50	0	00	0	08.50	0.27			32 & 84	88	88	96 Part
85	Sathish S S/o Sampangi ramayya	96	4	Dry	0	08.50	0	00	0	08.50	0.27			32 & 84	88	88	96 Part
86	Chandrakala D W/o Late Mahesh R	96	5	Dry	0	08.50	0	00	0	08.50	0.27			32 & 84	88	88	96 Part
87	Girish S/o G Revanna	96	6	Dry	0	08.50	0	00	0	08.50	0.27	0	29	32 & 84	88	88	96 Part
88	Muniraju S/o. Giri Gowda	96	7	Dry	0	08.50	0	00	0	08.50	0.27			32 & 84	88	88	96 Part
89	Manjula M D/o Muniraju	96	8	Dry	0	08.50	0	00	0	08.50	0.27			32 & 84	88	88	96 Part
90	Sathish M S/o. Muniraju	96	9	Dry	0	08.50	0	00	0	08.50	0.27			32 & 84	88	88	96 Part
91	Sumithra M. D/o Muniraju	96	10	Dry	0	08.50	0	00	0	08.50	0.27			32 & 84	88	88	96 Part
92	Bhavya M. D/o Muniraju	96	11	Dry	0	08.50	0	00	0	08.50	0.27			32 & 84	88	88	96 Part
93	Revanna, Muniraju S/o Late Patel Giri Gowda	96	12	Dry	0	01	0	00	0	01	0.03			32 & 84	88	88	96 Part
	TOTAL				**0**	**25.5**	**0**	**33**	**0**	**33.5**		**0**	**26.25**				
03. Village : DODDATOGURU					**Hobli : BEGURU-2**									**Taluk : BANGALORE SOUTH**			
1	N.H-7 N.H-7 K.I.A.D.B	18	1	Wet	0	15	0	01	0	14	0.74			19 & 30	Road	Beretana agrahara Village Boundary	31
2	K.Babu reddy S/o Krishna reddy, Anandarama reddy S/o Krishnareddy, K.Prabhakar S/o Krishnareddy(Joint) N.H-7, K.I.A.D.B	18	2	Wet	0	15	0	00	0	15	0.79			19 & 30	Road	Beretana agrahara Village Boundary	31
3	Narayanareddy, Krishnareddy, Gopalareddy (Joint) Shankar reddy S/o P Narayana reddy N.H Pro. M.Doraiswamy S/o Late Ramanaidu, K.I.A.D.B	18	3	Wet	0	30	0	00	0	30	1.58	0	15.50	19 & 30	Road	Beretana agrahara Village Boundary	31
4	B.Rama reddy S/o Bodappa N.H-7, Nandi Economic Corridor Enterprises Ltd, K.I.A.D.B	18	4	Wet	0	19	0	03	0	16	0.84			19 & 30	Road	Beretana agrahara Village Boundary	31
5	Nandi Economic Corridor Enterprises Ltd	27	1	Wet	0	32	0	04	0	28	1.47			28 & Konappana agrahara village boundary	30	21 & 26	29
6	K.H.Murthy S/o. K Hanumappa	27	2A1	Wet	0	06	0	00	0	06	1.42			28 & Konappana agrahara village boundary	30	21 & 26	29
7	K.I.A.D.B	27	2A2	Wet	0	04	0	00	0	04	0.21			28 & Konappana agrahara village boundary	30	21 & 26	29
8	K.I.A.D.B	27	2A3	Wet	0	09	0	00	0	09	0.47	0	22.25	28 & Konappana agrahara village boundary	30	21 & 26	29
9	Pro. M.R.Doraiswamy S/o Late Ramanaidu	27	2A4	Wet	0	08	0	00	0	08	0.42			28 & Konappana agrahara village boundary	30	21 & 26	29
10	K.I.A.D.B K.I.A.D.B	27	2B	Wet	0	16	0	00	0	16	0.84			28 & Konappana agrahara village boundary	30	21 & 26	29
11	Nandi Economic Corridor Enterprises Ltd	27	2C	Wet	0	26	0	00	0	26	1.37			28 & Konappana agrahara village boundary	30	21 & 26	29
12	Ene Ramachandra reddy S/o Narayanareddy	27	3A1	Wet	0	06	0	00	0	06	0.32	0	10.75	28 & Konappana agrahara village boundary	30	21 & 26	29
13	Nandi Economic Corridor Enterprises Ltd	28	1	Wet	0	10	0	00	0	10	0.53			Konappa na agrahara village boundary	27 & 29	27	29
14	Nandi Economic Corridor Enterprises Ltd	28	2	Wet	0	04	0	00	0	04	0.21			Konappa na agrahara village boundary	27 & 29	27	29
15	K.A Raviprasad reddy S/o K.V. Appannareddy K.I.A.D.B	29	1	Wet	0	14	0	00	0	14	0.74	2	8.25	Konappa na agrahara village boundary	30 & 31	27	31
16	Nandi Economic Corridor Enterprises Ltd	29	2	Wet	0	34	0	00	0	34	1.79			Konappa na agrahara village boundary	30 & 31	27	31
17	Chikkamuniyappa K.I.A.D.B, K.I.A.D.B	29	3	Wet	0	09	0	00	0	09	0.48			Konappa na agrahara village boundary	30 & 31	27	31
18	Nandi Economic Corridor Enterprises Ltd	29	4	Wet	0	04	0	00	0	04	0.21			Konappa na agrahara village boundary	30 & 31	27	31
19	Nandi Economic Corridor Enterprises Ltd	29	5	Wet	0	05	0	00	0	05	0.27			Konappa na agrahara village boundary	30 & 31	27	31
20	Chikkaramayya K.I.A.D.B	29	6	Wet	0	17	0	00	0	17	0.09			Konappa na agrahara village boundary	30 & 31	27	31
21	Nandi Economic Corridor Enterprises Ltd	29	7	Wet	0	19	0	00	0	19	1.00			Konappa na agrahara village boundary	30 & 31	27	31
22	K.M.Hanumanthayya K.I.A.D.B	30	1	Wet	0	35	0	05	0	30	1.58	1	0.50	27 & 29	18	19 & 20	31
23	Nandi Economic Corridor Enterprises Ltd	30	2	Wet	0	15	0	00	0	15	0.79			27 & 29	18	19 & 20	31
24	B.S.Narendra reddy S/o Nagarathnamma K.I.A.D.B	30	3	Wet	0	17	0	00	0	17	0.90			27 & 29	18	19 & 20	31
25	Jayamma W/o Late R.Venkateshappa N.H-7 K.I.A.D.B	31	1	Wet	0	38	0	00	0	38	2.00	0	16	Konappa na agrahara village boundary	Road	18, 29 & 30	32 & 33
26	Nandi Economic Corridor Enterprises Ltd	31	2	Wet	0	19	0	00	0	19	1.00			Konappa na agrahara village boundary	Road	18, 29 & 30	32 & 33
27	Nagappa K.I.A.D.B Nandi Economic Corridor Enterprises Ltd	31	3	Wet	0	13	0	00	0	13	0.69			Konappa na agrahara village boundary	Road	18, 29 & 30	32 & 33
28	K.M.Hanumanthayya K.I.A.D.B	31	1	Wet	0	35	0	5	0	30	1.58			Konappa na agrahara village boundary	Road	18, 29 & 30	32 & 33
	Total				**0**	**34**	**0**	**18**	**0**	**16**		**0**	**33.5**				
04. Village : DODDANAGAMANGALA					**Hobli : BEGURU-2**									**Taluk : BANGALORE SOUTH**			
1	Sombamma W/o Late Muniyappa	8	1	Dry	1	15	0	00	1	15	2.31	5	17	10	14	8 part	9
2	K.Bhoopathi S/o Late Keshavalunaidu	8	2	Dry	2	20	0	00	2	20	4.20			10	14	8 part	9
3	Sulappa, Muniraju S/o Chikkanna,K Bhoopathi S/o. late Keshvalunaidu, Doddamuni swamy S/o. Late Sulappa, Shankaranarayana S/o Sulappa,Radha w/o late Ramakrishna, Lakshmamma W/o Late Sulappa (Joint),Elijabhat Soniya Thamas D/o Beby Thamas Bhu.Pa Hyaisan Jose S/o Jose K C Bhu.Pa (Joint)	8	3	Dry	5	35	0	01	5	34	9.83			10	14	8 part	9
4	Solappa S/o Doddamuniswamy, Doddamuniswamy S/o. Late Sulappa, Shankaranarayana S/o Late Sulappa, Radha W/o Late Ramakrishna, Lakshmamma D/o Late Sulappa(Joint) Elizabeth Soniya Thomas D/o Baby Thomas bhu.pa Hyaisan Jose S/o Soje K C Bhu. Pa (Joint)	8	4	Dry	3	12	0	01	3	11	5.11			10	14	8 part	9
5	S.M.Anil S/o C.Munireddy Vimala R W/o S.M. Anil (Joint)	8	5	Dry	2	10	0	00	2	10	3.79			10	14	8 part	9
6	Chikkamunishami S/o Arasa, Kaverappa S/o Chikka muniyappa, R.Jayamma W/o Late Venkataramana reddy, Girish S/o Minor Guardian K.Pattabirama, Pradeepa S/o Minor Guardian K.Pattabirama Govindaraju S/o Late Karagappa	9	1	Dry	2	18	0	00	2	18	4.12	0	6.50	10	14	9 part & 8	9 part
7	C.Bhaskaran S/o Late P.K Panikar .Bhu.Pa	9	2	Wet	2	16	0	00	2	16	4.04			10	14	9 part & 8	9 part
8	Sarkara Mupattu kalu, Hindugala Smashana, Cristian Smashana, V Murthy S/o Late venakataswamyreddy V Muniraju S/o Late Venkataswamyreddy (Joint), Sarkara, Sarkara, Sarkara, Madappa S/o Herappa, Papamma, Narasamma , Ratnamma (Joint) Kempayya S/o Muniarasappa, Sarkara, Gowramma S/o Munivenkatappa, Rajappareddy S/o Ramaprasadreddy, K Tamil Cheluvan S/o N Kalimuttu(Joint), Sarkara.	10	*	Wet	59	25	59	25	0	00	18.00	9	16	11	8 & 9	10 Part	10 Part
9	Kamakshamma W/o V. Rama reddy, Kamakshamma W/o V. Rama reddy, M/s. Super Cyber Tech Park Pvt Ltd, V.Munireddy S/o Venkataswamy reddy, Rajeev Ghandi Vasati Nigama Niyamita.	11	*	Wet	29	39	0	00	29	39	4.00	1	38	Chikkana gamangal a Village Boundary	10	11 Part	11 Part
10	S.Prabhakar reddy S/o. R.Siddalinga reddy, S.Manjunathreddy S/o R.Siddalinga reddy	14	1	Dry	0	25	0	00	0	25	0.93	5	20	8 & 9	Konappana agrahara village boundary	15	14 Part
11	Kamalamma W/o. Late S.R.Narayanareddy	14	2	Dry	1	29	0	00	1	29	2.53			8 & 9	Konappana agrahara village boundary	15	14 Part
12	Shahida begum W/o K.H.Khan	14	3	Dry	3	05	0	00	3	05	4.59			8 & 9	Konappana agrahara village boundary	15	14 Part

13	I.L.Khayam, Munishami - Munihucchaswami, Seenappa M, Munishamappa, Mutayamma, Kamalamma W/o Krishnappa, K.Bhoopathi S/o Late Keshavalunaidu, K.Bhoopathi S/o Late Keshavalunaidu, K.Bhoopathi S/o Late Keshavalunaidu, M.Muniraju S/o late M.Muniyappa, M.Nanda D/o late M.Muniyappa, Gowramma W/o late M.Muniyappa, M.Yellappa S/o late M.Muniyappa, M.Jagadish S/o late M.Muniyappa(Joint), B.Padmaja devi W/o C.P Babu reddy, Chikka appayya S/o Late Venkataramana Sheety, Dasatagirsab S/o Late Nane Sab, C.Basakaran S/o P.K Panikar Bhu. pa, N.Chandra reddy S/o late Narayana reddy , Sudananda reddy S/o N. Seenappa, Shanthamma W/o Chandra shekar, Shanthamma W/o late K.V Appanna reddy.	14	4	Dry	15	01	0	16	14	25	20.43			8 & 9	Konappana agrahara village boundary	15	14 Part
14	K.L Shankar S/o late Lagumappa	14	5	Dry	0	05	0	00	0	05	0.18			8 & 9	Konappana agrahara village boundary	15	14 Part
15	Dastigirsab S/o Late Nanesab G.A.Wajid Khan S/o Late Abbas Khan	14	8	Dry	3	35	0	03	3	32	5.58			8 & 9	Konappana agrahara village boundary	15	14 Part
16	C.Bhaskaran S/o Late P.K Panikar .Bhu.Pa	14	9	Dry	1	11	0	00	1	11	1.87			8 & 9	Konappana agrahara village boundary	15	14 Part
17	Puttamma W/o Hottappa	14	11	Dry	2	29	0	04	2	25	3.45			8 & 9	Konappana agrahara village boundary	15	14 Part
18	S.Rajashekar	14	12	Dry	2	11	0	00	2	11	3.34			8 & 9	Konappana agrahara village boundary	15	14 Part
19	C.Brijeshreddy S/o H. Chandrareddy	14	13	Dry	0	10	0	00	0	10	2.00			8 & 9	Konappana agrahara village boundary	15	14 Part
20	Kempamma W/o Bettayya,Ramegowda T. S/o Thimmayya	14	15	Dry	0	12	0	00	0	12	11.93			8 & 9	Konappana agrahara village boundary	15	14 Part
21	Chinnamma W/o Late Hanumappa, Triveni W/o Late Munireddy, Pillareddy S/o Late Hanumappa, Narayanareddy S/o late Hanumappa, Ramesh reddy S/o. Late Hanumappa(Joint) Chinnamma W/o Late Hanumappa Bhu. pa, Triveni W/o Late Munireddy Bhu.Pa, Pillareddy S/o Late Hanumappa Bhu.Pa, Narayanareddy S/o Late Hnumappa Bhu.Pa, Rameshreddy S/o Late hnumappa Bhu.pa(Joint)	14	16	Dry	3	28	0	07	3	21	5.18			8 & 9	Konappana agrahara village boundary	15	14 Part
22	K.L.Shankar, S/o Late Lagumappa	14	17	Dry	1	30	0	00	1	30	3.60			8 & 9	Konappana agrahara village boundary	15	14 Part
23	Jayappa Reddy S/o Late Nagappa K.Ravi S/o. Krishnappa	14	18	Dry	1	30	0	04	1	26	2.42			8 & 9	Konappana agrahara village boundary	15	14 Part
24	M/s SNN HOMES LLP A Limited Liability Partnership Firm (Formerly known as M/s SNN HOMES) rep by its Designated Partne S/o Ramesh Chandra Agarwal	14	19	Dry	0	30	0	00	0	13	0.47			8 & 9	Konappana agrahara village boundary	15	14 Part
25	K. Bhupathi S/o Late Keshavalu naidu, K. Bhupathi S/o Late Keshavalu naidu, M.Nagamma W/o Late Madappa.	15	*	Dry	4	16	0	09	4	07	6.61	2	17	14	16	15 part	14
26	V.N. Krishnareddy S/o. Narayanareddy V.N	16	1	Dry	1	35	0	03	1	32	2.27			15	18	16 part	Konappana agrahara Village Boundary
27	V.N. Krishnareddy S/o. Narayanareddy V.N	16	2	Dry	1	25	0	00	1	25	2.24			15	18	16 part	Konappana agrahara Village Boundary
28	R.Ravi Kumar S/o. Rama reddy, Bhu-pa	16	3	Dry	0	36	0	00	0	36	10.24			15	18	16 part	Konappana agrahara Village Boundary
29	Laxmamma G W/o Late K.N Gopal reddy	16	4	Dry	0	36	0	00	0	36	1.24			15	18	16 part	Konappana agrahara Village Boundary
30	Munishami S/o Late Veerabadrappa, Ramappa S/o Late Veerabadrappa, C. Rudrappa S/o Late Chikkanna, Narayanappa S/o Giriappa (Joint).	16	5	Dry	1	30	0	00	1	30	2.40			15	18	16 part	Konappana agrahara Village Boundary
31	Muniyappa S/o Erappa S. Gopal reddy S/o Late Sampangirama reddy	16	6	Dry	2	08.75	0	00	2	08.75	3.05			15	18	16 part	Konappana agrahara Village Boundary
32	H.Gopal reddy	16	7	Dry	1	36	0	00	1	36	2.61			15	18	16 part	Konappana agrahara Village Boundary
33	N.Govindareddy S/o Nanjareddy	16	8	Dry	1	00	0	00	1	00	1.37			15	18	16 part	Konappana agrahara Village Boundary
34	Srimathi. Shanthamma	16	9	Dry	0	02.25	0	00	0	02.25	0.08	2	33.50	15	18	16 part	Konappana agrahara Village Boundary
35	H.Krishnareddy	16	9	Dry	1	28	0	00	1	28	2.33			15	18	16 part	Konappana agrahara Village Boundary
36	Chikkonu S/o Chikkonu, Chikkadurgappa S/o Chikkonu (Joint).	18	1	Dry	0	35	0	01	00	34	1.35			16	24	18 part	Konappana agrahara Village Boundary
37	T. Subbarao ram - Tukaram, Keshavaram S/o Subbaram	18	2	Dry	0	32	0	01	00	31	1.23			16	24	18 part	Konappana agrahara Village Boundary
38	Munishami- Motappa, Veshappa, Chittarumuniyappa, Munishami, Kargappa, Munishami (Joint).	18	3	Dry	0	08.25	0	0.25	0	08	0.32			16	24	18 part	Konappana agrahara Village Boundary
39	RTC yanthe Khayam V. Ganeshan (Joint)	18	4A	Dry	1	26	0	00	1	26	2.61			16	24	18 part	Konappana agrahara Village Boundary
40	N.Ramachandra reddy Bhu.pa	18	4B	Dry	1	26	0	00	1	26	2.61			16	24	18 part	Konappana agrahara Village Boundary
41	H.Jayaramareddy S/o Hanumappa reddy Bhu.pa	18	4C	Dry	1	26	0	00	1	26	2.61			16	24	18 part	Konappana agrahara Village Boundary
42	Chikkanna, Munishami, Chandrappa, Doddabadrappa, Chikkabadrappa (Joint) Muniyamma W/o Krishnappa K.P.Musa S/o K.P. Mohiddin Koya K.P.Musa S/o K.P. Moldenkoya	18	5A	Dry	0	35	0	01	0	34	1.35			16	24	18 part	Konappana agrahara Village Boundary
43	RTC yanthe Khayam V. Ganeshan (Joint)	18	5B	Dry	0	20	0	00	0	20	0.80			16	24	18 part	Konappana agrahara Village Boundary
44	Ramachandra reddy S/o Late K.H. Narayanareddy Bhu.pa	18	5B2	Dry	0	20	0	00	0	20	0.80			16	24	18 part	Konappana agrahara Village Boundary
45	H.Jayaramareddy S/o Hanumappa reddy Bhu.pa	18	5B3	Dry	0	21	0	00	0	21	0.82			16	24	18 part	Konappana agrahara Village Boundary
46	Munirajamma W/o Muniswamappa	18	6	Dry	0	36	0	00	0	36	1.43			16	24	18 part	Konappana agrahara Village Boundary
47	Munirajamma W/o Muniswamappa	18	7	Dry	0	35	0	00	0	35	1.39			16	24	18 part	Konappana agrahara Village Boundary
48	Mota S/o Bhadra	18	8	Dry	0	33	0	00	0	33	1.31			16	24	18 part	Konappana agrahara Village Boundary
49	H.S.Mudduraju S/o Sannamuddappa	18	9	Dry	0	03.75	0	03.75	1	00	1.58			16	24	18 part	Konappana agrahara Village Boundary
	Total				**1**	**34**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**34**		**0**	**22**				
	05. Village : KONAPPANA AGRAHARA				**Hobli : BEGURU-2**									**Taluk : BANGALORE SOUTH**			
1	K.I.A.D.B	46	*	Dry	17	29	0	33	16	36	26.71	0	12	Doddana gamangala Village Boundary	47	Doddana gamangala Village Boundary	47 Part
2	K.I.A.D.B M Nagaratnamma W/o Sampangi, M Rekha W/o Muniswamappa(Joint), Renukamma D/o Narayanappa, Gowramma D/o Late Gopala Reddy, H Narayanaswamyreddy S/o Late Hanumappa Yane Hanumappareddy, H Jayaramareddy S/o late Hanumappa Yane Hanumappa Reddy, H Venkatesh reddy S/o late Hanumappa Yane Hanumappa Reddy(Joint)	47	1A	Dry	16	27	0	30	15	37	28.49			46	50 & 51	Doddana gamangala Village Boundary	47 Part
3	K.I.A.D.B	47	1B	Dry	1	14	0	00	1	14	2.15			46	50 & 51	Doddana gamangala Village Boundary	47 Part
4	K.I.A.D.B	47	1C	Dry	1	14	0	04	1	10	1.99			46	50 & 51	Doddana gamangala Village Boundary	47 Part
5	Narayanappa S/o Nagappa	47	1D	Dry	0	05	0	01	0	04	0.21			46	50 & 51	Doddana gamangala Village Boundary	47 Part
6	K.L.Shankar S/o Lagumappa	47	1G	Dry	0	02	0	00	0	02	0.09			46	50 & 51	Doddana gamangala Village Boundary	47 Part
7	Gowramma W/o Late Shivanna	47	1H	Dry	0	04	0	00	0	04	0.16			46	50 & 51	Doddana gamangala Village Boundary	47 Part
8	Hanumanthashetty, P Anantharaj Gowda S/o Doddayya, B. venkatappa Gowda S/o B Kusappagowda, C Nagaraju S/o Chikkappayya, C Nagaraju S/o Chikkappayya, C Ashwat Yane C Ashwathanarayana S/o Chikkappayya Shetty	47	2	Dry	1	22	0	00	1	22	2.45	0	03	46	50 & 51	Doddana gamangala Village Boundary	47 Part
9	K.I.A.D.B	47	3	Dry	0	26	0	00	0	26	1.03			46	50 & 51	Doddana gamangala Village Boundary	47 Part
10	Sudhananda reddy, S.Chandra shekar	47	4	Dry	0	33	0	00	0	33	1.31			46	50 & 51	Doddana gamangala Village Boundary	47 Part
11	Appayya S/o Late Lagumappa, Venkatesh S/o Lagumappa, K.L. Shankar S/o Late Lagumappa, Hemavathi W/o Late K.L. Ramesh, R Tejashwini D/o Late K.L. Ramesh, R. Ajith Kumar S/o Late K.L. Ramesh, R. Lokesh S/o K.L ramesh (Joint)	47	1F	Dry	0	23	0	00	0	23	0.33			46	50 & 51	Doddana gamangala Village Boundary	47 Part
12	Gowramma W/o Late Shivanna	47	1E1	Dry	1	23	0	00	1	23	2.58			46	50 & 51	Doddana gamangala Village Boundary	47 Part
13	S.Manjunatha reddy S/o R.Siddalinga reddy	47	1E2	Dry	0	35.50	0	00	0	35.50	1.40			46	50 & 51	Doddana gamangala Village Boundary	47 Part
14	S.Prabhakar reddy S/o R.Siddalinga reddy	47	1E3	Dry	0	35.50	0	00	0	35.50	1.40			46	50 & 51	Doddana gamangala Village Boundary	47 Part
15	(Sarkari Kere) K.I.A.D.B	51	*	Dry	28	10	0	10	28	00	0.00	10	10	47	68	Doddanaga mangala Village Boundary	49, 50 & 52
15	Shanubovika Sarkara K.I.A.D.B	67	*	Wet	0	21	0	00	0	21	1.08	0	22	68	68	68	68
16	Nagaraj, M Gayathri Kom Late G.Venkatesh Reddy, Neelamma M Kom Late Chandra Reddy	68	1A	Dry	1	00	0	0	1	0	2.00						
17	A Krishnappa Bin Agadurappa, K Chandrashekar Bin A Krishnappa, K. Vijayalakshmi bin A Krishnappa, K Kumarswamy Bin A Krishnappa	68	1B	Dry	3	30	0	0	3	30	7.50	3	31	51	71	70	66
18	KIADB Acquisition	68	2	Dry	2	5	0	0	2	5	4.15						
19	KIADB Acquisition	68	3	Dry	1	17	0	0	1	17	2.55						
20	Indiramma Kom Late A Munireddy	68	4	Dry	0	32	0	0	0	32	1.60						
21	S Vimala Kom Late M Prabhakar	68	5	Dry	2	35	0	1	2	34	3.75						

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : 05/SE/PHC/TSR/2024-25, KIIFB- WSS to Thrissur Corporation-Phase I-Package II & III-Supplying, laying, testing and commissioning of CWGM of 1200mm MS pipe (WTP to Kanimangalam), 900 mm pipe (Kanimangalam to Nedupuzha) & 800mm pipe (Kanimangalam to various tanks) **EMD** : Rs. 5,00,000/-, **Tender fee** : Rs. 17,700/-, **Last Date for submitting Tender** : 19-08-2024 03:00:pm **Phone** : 0487 – 2423230

Website : **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**

Superintending Engineer
PH Circle, Thrissur

KWA-JB-GL-6-240-2024-25

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E-Tender is invited for procurement of Numerical Relay test kit. Bid documents can be downloaded from **23.07.2024, 02:00 P.M.** and bids shall be submitted online up to **02:00 P.M., 21.08.2024.** Visit the following websites:- **www.wbtenders.gov.in, https://etender.wb.nic.in, www.wbsetcl.in** for details. ICA- T11996(3)/2024

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ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
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ಹಳೇ ಟಿ.ಬಿ. ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ ಆವರಣ, ಹಳೇ ಮದ್ರಾಸ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಇಂದಿರಾನಗರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560 038.

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ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗೆ 15ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಆಯೋಗದಡಿ ಎನ್.ಕ್ಯೂ.ಎ.ಎಸ್. ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳಿಗೆ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆ ಇರುವ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಉಪಕರಣಗಳನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿಸಲು ಕೆಟಿಪಿಪಿ ನಿಯಮಾನುಸಾರ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಕರೆದಿದ್ದು, **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯವರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು. ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **22.07.2024ರಿಂದ 03.08.2024 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೂ** ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಹಳೇ ಟಿ.ಬಿ. ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ ಆವರಣ, ಹಳೇ ಮದ್ರಾಸ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಇಂದಿರಾನಗರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560 038 ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ & ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು,
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GOVERNMENT OF KARANATAKA
Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department. Office of the Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal. Phone & Fax No : 08539-220054 email: eemidnkst@rediffmail.com

No:EE/MI&GWDD/Koppal/PB/TP/2024-25/2361 Dated: 20.07.2024

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers registered civil contractors as per standard bid documents from KW-4 on E-procurement portal for 03 no of tender works pertaining to Raichur and Koppal district. The amount put to tender for the mentioned work varies from 1) Rs. 149.54 Lakhs 2) Rs. 198.09 Lakhs 3) Rs. 983.57 Lakhs The tenders may submit tenders for the mentioned work through E-procurement portal only. Two cover tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTTP act shall be followed.

For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours and all information regarding tenders can be had from website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address on or after 23-07-2024. Last date & time for receipt of tender is 31-07-2024 time 17.30 hours, Pre bid meeting will be held on 29-07-2024, 11.00 Hours, Date & time for opening of technical bid 02-08-2024 time 11.00 hours, date and time for opening of financial bid 05-08-2024 time 11.00 hours (If technical bid sanction is accorded by the competent authority).

Sd/-Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division, KOPPAL

DIPR/Koppal/187/KSMCA/2024-25

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of General Public that our Client is intending to purchase site No.318, PID No. 84-65-318, situated in survey No. 6/6, of Benniganahalli Village, NGEF East Layout, Sadananda Nagar, Benniganahalli, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore, measuring E-W: 40 ft and N-S: 60 ft in all 266.6 sq yards (222.95 Sq Mtrs), and bounded on the East By : Site No. 319, West By : Site No. 317, North by: 30 feet wide Road, South by: Site No.330, from its owner **Mrs. PADMA CHANDRASHEKAR,** W/o. Mr.B.R.Chandrashekar, No. 60/1, Reservoir Street, Basavanagudi, B'lore-04, Any person/s having objections to the said transactions can register their claim/s with documentary evidence with the undersigned within 7 days of publication hereof, failing which, our client will proceed with the transactions and any claim/s received thereafter will not be entertained.

H.V.NAVEEN KUMAR RAO & H.V.SUNIL KUMAR RAO
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CHANGE OF NAME

I, N.RAMESHA, S/o Nagappa, R/a No.237, 1st Cross, Kanakashree Housing Layout, Byrathi, Doddagubbi, Dr. Shivarama Karanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560077 have changed my name to N.Ramesh vide affidavit dt: 20.07.2024 before Notary Mohan Kumar.N, B'lore

I, No.10359927-P Rank Ex-HAV, Basavaraj Moolimani, presently R/a 1st BN KSRP, No.60, Richmond Road, Bangalore-560025, hereby state that I have changed my minor daughter's name from Yukta to Yukta Moolimani vide affidavit dt: 20.07.2024 sworn before Notary G.Dayananda, B'lore.

I, Ashvin Gunvantbhai Chhotala S/O, Gunvantbhai Mangalbhai Chhotala R/o 201, Rrk Nest, Kenchappa Garden 2nd Cross, Horamavu, Bengaluru 560043, have changed my name to Ashvinkumar Gunvantbhai Chhotala for all purposes.

I, RATHEESH VS R/at valiyaparambil,Perinkeri 670706 have changed my daughter name from Niya Ratheesh to Ishani R vide affidavit dt 28-12-2023 before notary Mithran Kotancheri, Mattanur, Kerala

SITUATION VACANT

FINANCE

KANNUR UNIVERSITY
(ADMINISTRATION BRANCH)
ADMIN/AD-A2/11507/2022(II)
Dated 17.07.2024

RE-NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for appointment to the post of **Finance Officer** in the University on Direct recruitment/ Deputation basis from the Government of Kerala or Government of India service.

For further details visit:
www.kannuruniversity.ac.in

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Registrar

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Advt. No.NESAC/RMT-TEMP/WI-01/2024 Date: 23 July 2024

North Eastern Space Applications Centre (NESAC) invites eligible candidates to attend **"Walk-in-Interview"** for the positions of Research Scientist and Junior Research Fellow on temporary Project Basis at NESAC, Umiam **on 05th & 06th August 2024 at 08:30 AM (Reporting Time).**

For detailed advertisement, kindly visit NESAC Website: **www.nesac.gov.in**. Corrigendum/addendum, if any, will be published only in the NESAC website.

Sd/-
Director, NESAC

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Public Works Department
Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi
Phone No. : 08338/ 273859 E-Mail: eepwdckd@gmail.com

No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-1/TENDER/2024-25/1422 DATE: 20/07/2024

Time Extension e-Tender Notification-1

Short term e-tender notification No. PWD/CKD DIV/AE-1/TENDER/2024-25/1263 Dated 08/07/2024 was called & Now the First time extension is made, is as below.

Calendar of events:

1)Last date for queries & clarifications :26-07-2024 up to 5.30 PM, 2)Last Date of Receipt of Bids :30-07-2024 up to 5.00 PM, 3)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 01-08-2024 at 4.30 PM, 4)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids"

All other conditions of the tender remain unchanged.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-428/KSMCA/2024-25

Sd/- Executive Engineer
PWD Division Chikodi.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Chamarajpet Division, BBMP Anganawadi Center,
2nd Main, T.R. Mill Road, Bengaluru-560018

No.: EE/CMP/TEND/E-PROC/03/2024-25 Date: 20.07.2024

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(Short Term Tender Notification: Two Tender System)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Chamarajpet Division, BBMP invites tenders from eligible contractor registered in BBMP / KPWD / CPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations Class-1 Contractor for the work Mentioned in the table below.

(Standard Tender Document- KW-4)

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Package-1: Construction of Various BBMP Offices, Hospitals Dialysis Center, Samudhaya Bhavan Building & Gym Building in Chamarajpet Assembly Constituency. **(Call-3). Package Amount in Lakhs:** 4040.00, **EMD (Rs. in Lakhs):** 40.40 (Rs. 1.00 Lakh online plus remaining balance BG/FDR).

Calender of events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from **23.07.2024. (2)** Pre-bid meeting will be held on **05.08.2024** at **11:00 a.m.** in the office of the Chief Executive Engineer (West), Bhasham Park, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru. **(3)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **4:00 p.m.** on **12.08.2024** and the opening of tenders will be as per the e-procurement portal guidelines. **(4)** Technical bids will be opened on the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** in the office of the Executive Engineer, Chamarajpet Division on **14.08.2024** at **11:30 a.m.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Chamarajpet Division, BBMP

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE : SUNDARGARH
AT/PO-SANKARA, SUNDARGARH-770020, E-mail address-serw_sundargarh@yahoo.com

No.Tender Online – RWCCESNG-05 of 2024-25, Letter No.1573 /Dtd.19.07.2024

e-Procurement NOTICE

1. Type of the Work : **Road (NTPC Deposit)**
2. Class of Contractor : As specified in the column-6 of the Annexure
3. Time of Completion : As specified in the column-5 of the Annexure
4. Detail Projects : As per Annexure attached
5. Estimated Cost : As specified in the column-4 of the Annexure
6. Other details:

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding From	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding To	Last Date & Time of Seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of tender Technical Bid	Date & Time of Opening of tender Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sundargarh	RWCCESNG-05 of 2024-25	29.07.2024 11:00 AM	17.08.2024 5:00 PM	16.08.2024 5:00 PM	20.08.2024 11:00 AM	Will be intimated separately

● Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**

Chief Engineer (Design & Quality Control)
Chief Construction Engineer (I/C), Rural Works Circle, Sundargarh.

O-129 : OIPR-25133/11/0010/2425

DISTRICT URBAN DEVELOPMENT CELL, VIJAYANAGARA DISTRICT, HOSPETE-583201

No:DUDC/KKRDB/EV/01/2024-25 Date : 16.07.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Project Director, DUDC, Vijayanagara District, Hosapete Invites tenders in two cover system using standard tender documents for providing Eco-friendly electric powered vehicle / bus to take tourists for sightseeing of Vijaya Vithala Temple in Hampi, Hosapete Taluk vijayanagra District Under 2022-23 KKRDB Grant

Name of the Works & Indent No: 01.Supplying Of 06 Nos 23 Seater Electrical Open Bus Half Body And Customize With LithiIon Eco Friendly Electric Vehicle Bus to take tourists for sightseeing of Vijaya Vithala Temple in Hampi (Indent No:- DMA/2024-25/IND2368). **Amount put to tender (in Lakhs):** 140.80. **EMD Amount In Rupees:** 2,11,200.00

02.Supplying Of 04 Nos 23 Seater Electrical Open Bus Half Body And Customize With LithiIon Eco Friendly Electric Vehicle Bus to take tourists for sightseeing of Vijaya Vithala Temple in Hampi(Indent No:- DMA/2024-25/IND2371). **Amount put to tender (in Lakhs):** 93.87. **EMD Amount In Rupees:** 1,87,740.00

Interested Services/ firms shall register on the Public procurement platform https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in to participate in this tender. Contractors can download the tender documents from the e-procurement platform. Tenders shall be submitted electronically at EMD and tenders processing fee shall also be paid electronically.

Pre-Bid Meeting Date and time: **22-07-2024 at 11.00 Hrs**
Last date & time for tender queries / clarifications: **23-07-2024 at 17.30 Hrs**
Last date and time for receipt of tenders : **31-07-2024 at 16.30 Hrs**
Date & time for opening of Technical bids: **01-08-2024 at 17.30 Hrs**
Auto extension of tender schedule : **03 days**

DIPR/Vijayanagar/2024-25/KSMCA/RO No/122

Sd/- Project Director,
DUDC, Vijayanagara District

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER (Only through kpp portal)

BWSSB invites tenders from registered Agencies for the following works.

Office of the Chief Engineer (North), 2nd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore-560 009.

Sl. No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount put to tender / EMD Amount	Last date & time for receipt of tender	Date & time for opening of tender
1	North-1	BWSSB/EE(N)-1/PB/466/2024-25 Date: 20.07.2024	Rs.48,81,890/- / Rs.1,15,220/-	30.07.2024 upto 4.00 pm	31.07.2024 after 4.00 pm

Sd/- Executive Engineer (North-1)

Office of the Chief Engineer (South), 7th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore-560 009.

Sl. No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount put to tender / EMD Amount	Last date & time for receipt of tender	Date & time for opening of tender
2	South-West-2	BWSSB/EESW-2/TO/PB/671/2024-25 Date: 19.07.2024	Rs.7,30,937/- / Rs.21,600/-	29.07.2024 upto 4.00 pm	30.07.2024 after 4.00 pm
3		BWSSB/EESW-2/TO/PB/673/2024-25 Date: 19.07.2024	Rs.6,09,300/- / Rs.18,000/-		

Sd/- Executive Engineer (South-West-2)

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DIPR/CP/1009 /AKAR/2024-25

22	Gurappa Reddy, G.Venkataswamy Reddy, G Venkataswamy Reddy, Nagaraju	68	6	Dry	2	5	0	0	2	5	4.75						
23	A Kirshnappa Bin Agadurappa	68	*	Dry	3	30	0	0	3	30	7.50						
24	K.I.A.D.B	70	1	Wet	0	16	0	00	0	16	0.00	2	30.50	68	73	69 & Nala	71
25	K.I.A.D.B	70	2	Wet	1	00	0	04	0	36	1.71			68	73	69 & Nala	71
26	G.Shyamreddy, Savithramma W/o Narayana reddy	70	3	Wet	4	35	0	03	4	32	9.00			68	73	69 & Nala	71
27	K.I.A.D.B	70	4	Wet	1	04	0	00	1	04	2.08			68	73	69 & Nala	71
28	N.Chandrareddy, K.R. Sreedhar S/o K.Y Rama reddy, K.R. Chandrashekar S/o K.Y Rama reddy, K.R.JagadishS/o K.Y Rama reddy, Narayanareddy S/o Laxmayya(Joint).	70	5	Wet	2	35	0	03	2	32	3.30			68	73	69 & Nala	71
29	K.I.A.D.B	70	6	Wet	0	02	0	00	0	02	0.10			68	73	69 & Nala	71
30	K.I.A.D.B	73	1	Dry	0	15	0	01	0	14	0.77	2	24.50	70 & 71	76, 77, 82 & 83	74	72 & 86
31	Nandi Economic Corridor Enterprises Ltd	73	2	Dry	1	05	0	00	1	05	2.07			70 & 71	76, 77, 82 & 83	74	72 & 86
32	T.Vijaya Kumar S/o Thimmareddy Jagannath S/o Thimmareddy	73	3	Dry	1	07	0	01	1	06	2.11			70 & 71	76, 77, 82 & 83	74	72 & 86
33	K.I.A.D.B K.I.A.D.B K.I.A.D.B	73	4A	Dry	3	20	0	01	3	19	6.00			70 & 71	76, 77, 82 & 83	74	72 & 86
34	A.Mahadevappa	73	4B	Dry	1	05	0	00	1	05	11.63			70 & 71	76, 77, 82 & 83	74	72 & 86
35	Nandi Economic Corridor Enterprises Ltd	73	4B1	Dry	1	07.50	0	00	1	07.50	2.11			70 & 71	76, 77, 82 & 83	74	72 & 86
36	A.Mahadevappa	73	4B2	Dry	1	05	0	00	1	05	2.03			70 & 71	76, 77, 82 & 83	74	72 & 86
37	Rajagopal	73	4B3	Dry	1	05	0	00	1	05	2.03			70 & 71	76, 77, 82 & 83	74	72 & 86
39	Chikkatayamma C/o Basavareddy, Sarsvathamma D/o Basavareddy	74	*	Dry	1	30	0	00	1	30	3.31	0	8	Sy.No73	Sy.No 82	Sy.No78	Sy.No 73
40	S Rajappa	75	*	Dry	0	30	0	00	0	30	1.42	0	1.50	Sy.No 70	Sy.No78	Remaining extent	Sy.No 76
41	Appayya S/o late lagumappa, Venkatesh S/o Late Lagumappa, Hemavathi W/o Late K.L Ramesh, R.Thejaswini D/o Late K.L Ramesh, R.Ajith Kumar S/o Late K.L Ramesh, R.Lokesh S/o Late K.L Ramesh(Joint)	76	1	Wet	0	14.25	0	00	0	14.25	0.68	0	37.50	73	78	75	73
42	Saraswathamma W/o K.P.Gopala reddy	76	2	Wet	0	13	0	00	0	13	0.62			73	78	75	73
43	K.L.Shankar S/o Lagumappa	76	3	Wet	0	4.75	0	00	0	4.75	0.22			73	78	75	73
44	A Krishnaswamy	78	1	Wet	0	31	0	00	0	31	1.47	3	00	75&76	79 & Doddatoguru Village Boundary	Dodda toguru Vilalge Boundary	77, 82, 81
45	R.Siddalinga reddy S/o Late Siddappa Yane Rama reddy (K.I.A.D.B)	78	2B	Wet	0	12	0	00	0	12	0.57			75&76	79 & Doddatoguru Village Boundary	Dodda toguru Vilalge Boundary	77, 82, 81
46	Narayana Swamy, Saraswathamma W/o K.V Gopala reddy, K.N Gurappa S/o Late Nagappa, Dinesh S/o A.Narayana Swamy, Nagaraj S/o A.Narayana Swamy, Mahammed Kalimulla S/o Noor mahamed, Jayamma W/o Late Narayana Swamy.	78	2C	Wet	2	05	0	00	2	05	4.05			75&76	79 & Doddatoguru Village Boundary	Doddatoguru Vilalge Boundary	77, 82, 81
47	Saraswathamma W/o K.Li.Gopala Reddy	78	2D1	Wet	0	22	0	00	0	22	1.04			75&76	79 & Doddatoguru Village Boundary	Doddatoguru Vilalge Boundary	77, 82, 81
48	H Jayaramareddy S/o Hanumappareddy	78	2D2	Wet	0	22	0	00	0	22	1.04			75&76	79 & Doddatoguru Village Boundary	Dodda toguru Vilalge Boundary	77, 82, 81
49	B R Shashidhar S/o Late K H Raghu Ram,B R Manohar S/o Late K H Raghu Ram (Joint)	78	2E	Wet	2	21	0	00	2	21	4.79			75&76	79 & Doddatoguru Village Boundary	Dodda toguru Vilalge Boundary	77, 82, 81
50	K.I.A.D.B, K.I.A.D.B.	78	3	Wet	1	26	0	00	1	26	3.12			75&76	79 & Doddatoguru Village Boundary	Dodda toguru Vilalge Boundary	77, 82, 81
51	K.I.A.D.B	78	2A	Wet	1	02	0	00	1	02	1.99			75&76	79 & Doddatoguru Village Boundary	Dodda toguru Vilalge Boundary	77, 82, 81
52	Saraswathamma W/o Gopala Reddy (K.I.A.D.B)	79	*	Wet	0	39	0	00	0	39	1.26	0	26.50	78	Doddatoguru Village Boundary	78	80
53	K.I.A.D.B	80	1	Dry	0	25	0	00	0	25	1.06	0	34.50	81	Doddatoguru Village Boundary	78 & 79	85
54	Raviprasada reddy S/o K.V Appanna reddy	80	2	Dry	0	33	0	00	0	33	1.40			81	Doddatoguru Village Boundary	78 & 79	85
55	K.I.A.D.B	81	1	Wet	0	04	0	00	0	04	0.05	0	5	82	80	78	84
56	K.I.A.D.B	81	2	Wet	0	04	0	00	0	04	0.13			82	80	78	84
57	K.I.A.D.B	82	1	Wet	0	14	0	00	0	14	0.67	0	17.50	73 & 77, 83	81	78	84
58	K.I.A.D.B	82	2	Wet	0	24	0	00	0	24	1.14			73 & 77, 83	81	78	84
59	NALA											0	10	Sy.No 70	Sy.No 73	Remaining Nala	Remaining Nala
	Total				0	24.75	0	25	0	32.75		26	33				

ABSTRACT

NICE Integration at Hosur Road

Sl. No	Taluk	Hobli	Village	Proposed Extent of Acquisition A	Proposed Extent of Acquisition G	Remarks
1	ANEKAL	SARJAPURA-2	HUSKURU	5	3	
2	ANEKAL	SARJAPURA-2	CHIKKANAGAMANGALA	46	14	
3	BANGALORE SOUTH	BEGURU-2	DODDATOGURU	4	33	
4	BANGALORE SOUTH	BEGURU-2	DODDANAGAMANGALA	27	39	
5	BANGALORE SOUTH	BEGURU-2	KONAPPANA AGRAHARA	26	33	
			Total	**112**	**02**	

Sd/- Commissioner, Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore

BJP picks Leader of Opposition in Council

Chalavadi Narayanaswamy

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The BJP appointed C. Chalavadi Narayanaswamy as Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council on Monday.

State party president B.Y. Vijayendra announced on X (formerly Twitter) that the choice of Mr. Narayanaswamy, from a Scheduled Caste community, was testimony to the party's commitment to social justice.

The post had become vacant following the resignation of Kota Srinivas Poojary on his election to the Lok Sabha from Dakshina Kannada. The names of N. Ravikumar, Mr. Narayanaswamy, and C.T. Ravi were among those that were being talked about for the post.

Govt. to frame guidelines after farmer faced insult at mall for wearing *dhoti*

Bring social clubs also under the proposed new rule, says JD(S) Floor Leader C.B. Suresh Babu

IN THE LEGISLATURE

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government would come out with a set of guidelines barring malls and other commercial establishments from denying entry to persons wearing traditional attire such as 'panche'/dhoti, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar informed the Legislative Assembly on Monday.

Mr. Shivakumar, who is also holds the Bengaluru City Development portfolio, made the statement following the June 16 incident wherein a 70-year-old farmer Fakeerappa from Haveri, who went to GT Mall here with his son to watch a movie at the multiplex, being denied entry owing to his attire – he was wearing a 'panche' and a white shirt.

Farmer Fakeerappa who was denied entry into a mall in Bengaluru because he was wearing a *dhoti*. FILE PHOTO

On July 18, the government ordered closure of the mall for seven days in the light of the incident and also because of tax dues. The incident drew strong condemnation from members cutting across party lines in the Legislative Assembly.

Responding to this, Mr. Shivakumar said: "We have decided to issue guidelines to all malls, whether a big place or a small place. 'Panche' is a part of our culture and should be respected. We will ensure such incidents don't recur in the State."

Mr. Shivakumar further said: "We have issued a notice to this mall. There were also property tax dues of nearly ₹2 crore. They have tendered an apology. They have issued a cheque towards tax dues. So, we have allowed them to open now."

List clothes

Leader of the Opposition R. Ashok welcomed the government's decision and urged it to list the type of clothes/garments worn by rural people that could not be shown disrespect as part of the condition.

JD(S) Floor Leader C.B. Suresh Babu asked the government to bring social clubs, some of which do not allow people wearing sandals or dhoti on their premises, also under the proposed new rule.

Municipalities, corporations to collect property tax from legal and illegal buildings, vacant sites

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In order to extend the property tax net and generate more revenue to urban local bodies, the Karnataka Municipalities and Certain Other Law (Amendment) Bill, 2024, was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on Monday.

This enables municipalities and city corporations to levy and collect property tax from every building, vacant land or both, including buildings constructed in violation of the provisions of building bylaws, in unauthorised layouts, on revenue land, and from buildings occupied with issuance of Occupancy Certificate in municipal/corporation areas.

The property tax levied for buildings or vacant sites would be double the property tax payable for the first year, and only the property tax would be levied for the subsequent years.

Not on govt. land

However, the municipality would not levy tax on buildings constructed illegally on the government land, land belonging to the local body, or organisation owned and controlled by the government.

Minister for Urban Development Byrathi Suresh tabled the Karnataka Municipalities and Certain Other Law (Amendment) Bill, 2024, to bring all assets under the purview of the urban local authorities under their network of financial resources.

The Bill amended the Karnataka Municipalities Act, 1964 (Karnataka Act 22 of 1964), and the Karnataka Municipal Corporation Act, 1976 (Karnataka Act 14 of 1977). It aims at extending the provisions of property tax to the premises and buildings in unauthorised settlements, other than government land and to unauthorised buildings in official settlements as provided in the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Act of 2020.

It aims at providing necessary provisions regarding e-Asthi software and providing a penalty to the officers in case of non-compliance of the provisions of the Acts.

However, in municipality/corporation limits, levy and collection of property tax on building or vacant site does not confer any right to regularise violations made, or title, ownership or legal status to such building or vacant site. The persons holding such a building or vacant site should always be liable for legal action for violation of law.

The Municipal Commissioner or the chief officer would maintain a record of lawful buildings or vacant lands and unlawful buildings and vacant lands. In corporations, the Commissioner would maintain a record of lawful buildings or vacant lands and unlawful buildings and vacant lands, the Bill said.

Any officer or employee of the municipality who failed to collect property tax dues would be fined up to ₹50,000 in each case and would also be punished with simple imprisonment for 15 days.

'Govt. finding it tough to get land for cemeteries'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government was struggling to get land for cemeteries, playgrounds, hospitals and other public utility services, Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda told the Legislative Assembly on Monday.

The government had been purchasing land for cemeteries and had spent ₹50 crore last year for it, Mr. Gowda said in reply to a question by B.P. Harish (BJP). Mr Harish sought more space for cemeteries in his Harihar constituency.

Government land was not available for cemeteries. The Principal Secretary, Revenue, had to appear before the High Court once a week for several cases on the lack of cemeteries, Mr. Gowda said.

There was also no land to provide playgrounds for children, construction of power stations, hospitals and anganwadi buildings.

"There are close to 12,000 applications seeking land for anganwadis, which I have not been able to provide," he said.

Deputy Leader of the Opposition Arvind Bellad said the problem about cemeteries could be addressed with proper urban planning.

To another question by Nemiraj Naik (JD(S) on the availability of government land, Mr. Gowda said his department had put together a registry. There were 14.5 lakh acres of government lands. An online app had been developed and village-level data with digital maps were available on lands, Mr. Gowda said.

Bill proposes two-year jail term for illegal drawing of water from canals

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister and Water Resources Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Monday tabled the Karnataka Irrigation (Amendment) Bill, 2024, in the Legislative Assembly to prevent illegal tapping of water from irrigation canals and ensuring water reached the end users in irrigation schemes and canals maintained by the department.

Unauthorised use of water from canal includes drawing water from it by artificial means, through a tampered pipe or equipment. It also includes drawing water from the canal for purposes other than authorised and for areas other than for which supply of water from the canal was authorised.

Unauthorised use of water from canal includes drawing water by artificial means, through a tampered pipe or equipment. FILE PHOTO

The Bill envisaged granting of permission to extract and use groundwater within 500 metres from the centre of the lift irrigation scheme and irrigation canal.

Taking into consideration the purpose for use of water, the irrigation officer would be granting permission to drill, dig a well or create an artificial pond or any sort of water storage on both sides of the canal up to 500 metres from the centre of the canal, as notified by the zonal chief engineer.

Last week, Mr. Shivakumar said that the new law aimed to stop theft of water from irrigation canals by using bores or motors.

He termed the water theft in canals as "a major problem" in Mandya, Hassan, Bagalkot, Vijayapura, Kalaburagi and other districts having irrigation projects. Many tail-end farmers were not able to receive water for their crops. He would pilot a Bill in a week's time, Mr. Shivakumar said.

Whoever uses the groundwater from the centre line of the canal in violation of the law would be liable for punishment of imprisonment of two years or fine of ₹2 lakh or both, the Bill said.

For violation of any other clause of the Act, there would be imprisonment of one year and fine from ₹50,000 to ₹1 lakh or both.

Govt. to hold meeting on funds for institute

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Members cutting across political affiliations on Monday decried in the Legislative Assembly the stopping of annual grants for the Gangubai Hangal Music Institute, besides the decision to bring the Hubballi-based institute under the control of the University of Mysore.

Following this, the government announced that it would hold a meeting of Ministers and legislators to take an appropriate decision.

Tabling a call attention notice in this regard, Mahesh Tenginkai (BJP) pointed out that the institute needed an annual grant of ₹1.44 crore for its operations.

However, officials had projected the operational costs at ₹2.13 crore, he noted.

He pointed out that the government had decided to transfer the institute to the University of Mysore owing to paucity of funds. He expressed concern over the plight of the institute that had been set up to continue the Guru-Shishya (teacher-student) tradition to which the legendary Hindustani singer Gangubai Hangal belonged.

He was supported by Congress members Abhay Prasad and Konaraddi, who described it as a case of North Karnataka being neglected.

Arvind Bellad (BJP) said it was an emotional issue for people of North Karnataka, particularly Hubballi-Dharwad, as Gangubai Hangal hailed from there.

SNIPPETS

Cervical cancer cases

Out of 87.62 lakh people screened for cancer in the State, 5,473 had been diagnosed with cervical cancer and 2,066 of them were being treated in government hospitals. The State could include HPV vaccine under routine immunisation only if the Centre started the supply, said Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao.

Responding to K.A. Thippeswamy (JD-S), who expressed concern over the increase in cervical cancer cases in the State, the Minister said in the Legislative Council on Monday that the Health Department would soon start door-to-door screening of cancers and other non-communicable diseases.

Action against fake doctors

Acknowledging the menace of fake doctors in the State, Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said a circular had been issued mandating the display of KPME registration number, name of the establishment, and name of the owner in front of private medical establishments. Furthermore, the signboard would have to be colour-coded, blue for allopathy practitioners and green for ayurvedic practitioners, he said.

Private medical establishments failing to comply with the instructions would be dealt with strictly under Section 19(5) of the KPME Amendment Act 2017. They could be punished with imprisonment which may extend to three years and a fine of up to ₹1 lakh after conviction, he said. "Unqualified medical practitioners pose a great risk to society, compromising health outcomes for patients. Our government is committed to ensuring safe access to healthcare for all," he said, responding to Thippanappa Kamaknoor (Congress).

Oppn. stages walkout in Council

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Reiterating their allegations that the government was diverting funds allocated for the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to implement its five guarantee schemes, the BJP and JD(S) members staged a walkout in the Legislative Council on Monday.

Defending the utilisation of funds allocated for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to provide community members the benefits of guarantee schemes, Social Welfare Minister H.C. Mahadevappa said the government had taken up an evaluation of SC/ST beneficiaries under the five guarantee schemes.

"If the beneficiaries are less than 24.1%, we will withdraw the funds being used under the guarantee schemes. Our department is evaluating and we have asked for a report. We will never use the SCPSTP funds for the general population. Our government is committed to social justice," the Minister said.

'Cauvery Aarti proposed on the lines of Ganga Aarti in Varanasi'

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The Congress government in Karnataka is gearing up to organise Cauvery Aarti on the lines of Ganga Aarti, a religious ceremony performed on the banks of river Ganga in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar announced the plan of the government to organise Cauvery Aarti on the banks of the river, which is the lifeline of the people in many parts of southern Karnataka, after a visit to Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS) in Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya district on Monday.

Mr. Shivakumar, who holds the Major Irrigation portfolio, plans to constitute a team of legislators from the Cauvery belt in Mandya, Mysuru, and Kodagu districts, under the leadership of Minister for Agriculture N. Cheluvarayaswamy, to visit Varanasi, watch the Ganga Aarti and submit a report to the State government in the next 30 days.

The team will include officials from the Department of Religious Endowment and Irrigation. A team from Varanasi will be invited to Karnataka to assist local officials in organising the Cauvery Aarti, including identifying the exact spot for the event.

The proposed Cauvery Aarti will not only provide a boost to tourism, but also attract the devout in view of the sanctity people attach to the Cauvery.

With the water level in KRS reaching the brim and the Irrigation Department opening its crest gates, Mr. Shivakumar said instructions had been issued to officials to clear channels connected to lakes in the Cauvery command area, and ensure that waterbodies are filled up. The Cauvery command area has 1,657 lakes.

Unlike 2023 when farmers in Karnataka faced difficulties due to drought, most parts of the State have reported a good monsoon this year. The Agriculture Department has set a target of sowing on 2 lakh hectares of land in southern Karnataka.

Agriculture Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar at the Krishnaraja Sagar, near Mysuru, on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

30 tmcft of water released to Tamil Nadu, says DKS

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister and Water Resources Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Monday said that 30 tmcft of water had been released to Tamil Nadu from Cauvery basin reservoirs till now.

Speaking to reporters here, he said: "We are releasing 51,000 cusecs of water to Tamil Nadu every day. We have released 30 tmcft till now and if we release another 10 tmcft, it will be in line with the quota in a normal rain month."

"As a precautionary measure, we have instructed officials to fill up all the 1,657 tanks in the Cauvery basin area. We have taken up many programmes for this sowing season, including distribution of 5.9 lakh quintal seeds," he said.

BJP seeks special package for rain-hit coastal region

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Members from the coastal districts of the State on Monday demanded a special financial package for Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, and Uttara Kannada for repairing roads, bridges, power stations, and construction of houses as the region had received heavy rainfall during the last few days.

Harish Poonja (BJP) raised the issue during Question Hour in the Assembly and asked the government to announce such a package for rebuilding the life of the people in these districts who have been adversely affected by the downpour, landslips, and floods. He demanded the financial package similar to one sanctioned for Kodagu a few years ago.

V. Sunil Kumar (BJP) said that life had been impacted owing to heavy rainfall. All roads connecting to Mangaluru and Udupi had been damaged.

From Gokak agitation to 'quota for locals' Bill

The demand for reservation for locals in jobs dates back to the 1980s. Although there have been no consistent agitations in Karnataka for it, the demand has never faded away either

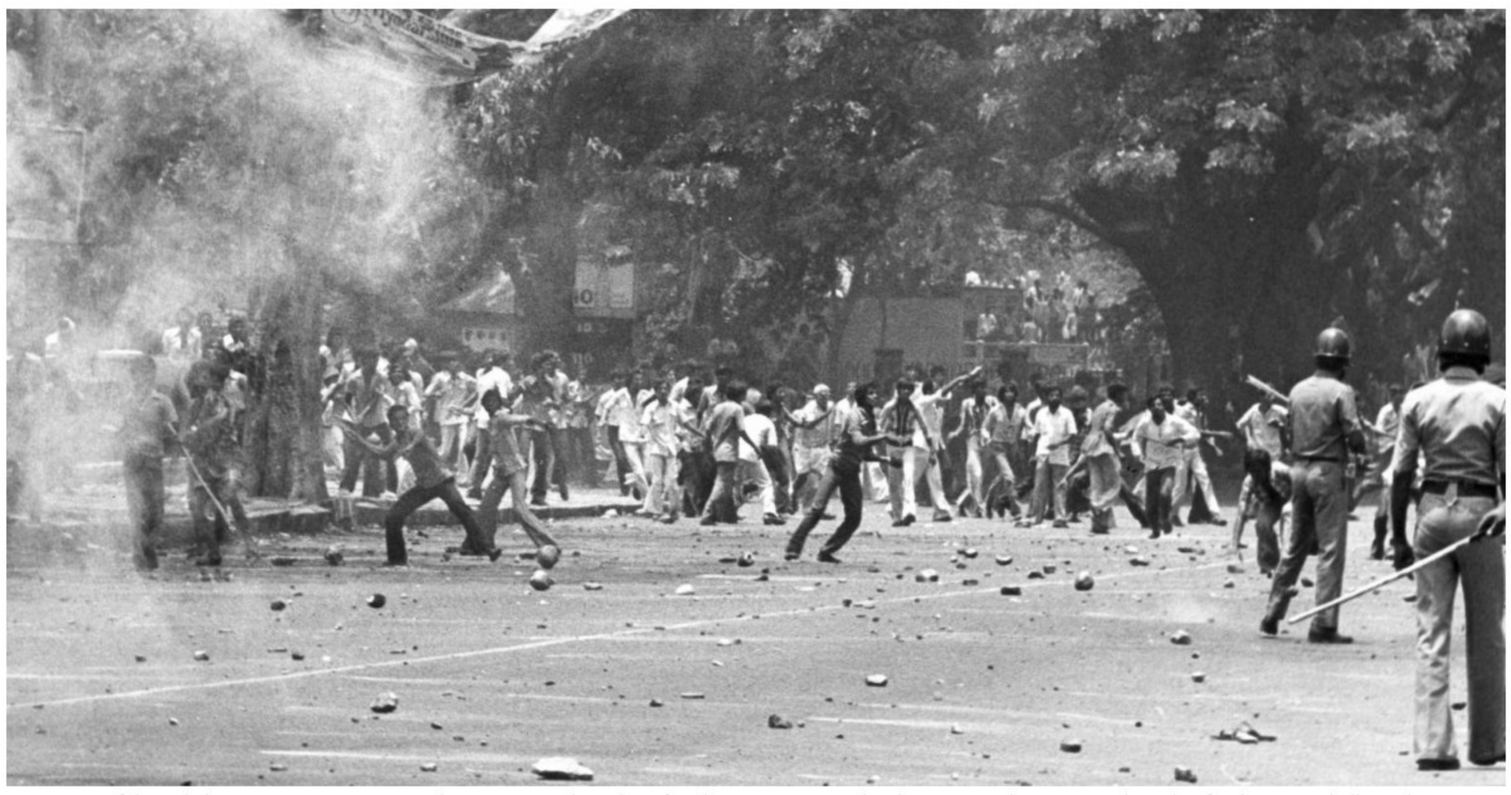
Shilpa Elizabeth
BENGALURU

The Siddaramaiah-led Karnataka government found itself in the eye of the storm recently as the "quota for local" bill snowballed into a huge controversy.

The bill that was cleared by the cabinet on July 15 proposed that industries, factories and other establishments appoint local candidates in 50% of management positions and 70% in non-management positions.

Owing to strong adverse reactions from company heads and industry leaders the bill has been paused now for further deliberations.

In Karnataka, the demand for reservations for locals has not been a very loud or consistent one. Sudden and isolated spurts at best, it, however, has a history that dates back to the 1980s.



Supporters of the Gokak committee report seen pelting stones at the police after the agitation turned violent in Bangalore. In turn, the police fired tear gas shells on the protesters on April 17, 1982 . HINDU ARCHIVES

Gundu Rao and Gokak agitation

After the collapse of the D. Devaraj Urs-led government, R. Gundu Rao became the Chief Minister of the State in 1980. His three-year term was mired in controversies and among them was the Gokak agitations, the biggest language-centric movement in Karnataka till date.

Rao set off a storm by imposing Sanskrit as the first language in schools and removing Kannada and Hindi from the first language groups. Strong protests followed and a committee chaired by Jnanpith awardee Prof V.K. Gokak was formed.

In 1981, the committee recommended Kannada as the sole first language at the high school level and made it compulsory at the primary levels.

The government, however, dragged its feet on implementation of the same. The protests became stronger. With Kannada movie icon Rajkumar supporting the cause, the movement gained unprecedented momentum.

Janata government comes to power

In 1983, Janata government, the first non-Congress government in the State, came to power led by Ramakrishna Hegde.

"The Janata government saw itself as a sequel to the multiple movements such as the Dalit movement, the farmers' movement and the Kannadiga movement that shaped that period," says A. Narayana, faculty at Azim Premji University.

Chief Minister R. Gundu Rao had two separate meetings in Bangalore on June 4, 1982 on the Gokak committee report. HINDU ARCHIVES

This meant that the government had to assuage the feelings of these sections, and the Sarojini Mahishi Committee was one such attempt.

The committee headed by Sarojini Mahishi, four-time Lok Sabha member from Dharwad North constituency and vice-chairperson of the Rajya Sabha between 1982 and 1984, tabled its report in 1986 and advocated for a percentage of public sector jobs to be reserved for local candidates.

But how did a demand for Kannada in schools result in a committee recommending domicile-based employment reservations? Narayana explains.

"While Kannada movements were gaining strength, those were also the heydays of public sector undertakings in Karnataka. Bangalore became the epicentre of major PSUs such as HMT, HAL, NAL and so on," he says.

The PSUs employed people in large numbers from outside the State. Among a section of people this stemmed a sense that locals were not getting their due in terms of employment.

Mahishi report

Among the 58 recommendations it made, the Mahishi report advocated for 100% reservations for local candidates in D category jobs at Central PSUs and railways. For C-category jobs 65% reservation was suggested above a certain payscale and 80% below it.

Members of Kannada Rakshana Vedike (Praveen Shetty group) hold posters of Biocon Executive Chairperson Kiran Mazumdar Shaw during a protest against industry leaders allegedly opposing the reservation Bill for Kannadigas in the private sector, in Bengaluru. PTI

Police arresting the agitators demanding the full implementation of the Gokak report in Bangalore on May 27, 1982. HINDU ARCHIVES

The report also stated that local candidates should be employed at state PSUs, however, considering competency requirements, if local candidates were not available, then others could be appointed with the special permission of the government.

For reservations in the central government PSUs, the committee also suggested constitutional amendments since it would have been against the federal principles to reserve jobs on the basis of region.

Nevertheless, the report was never implemented.

Emergence of private sector

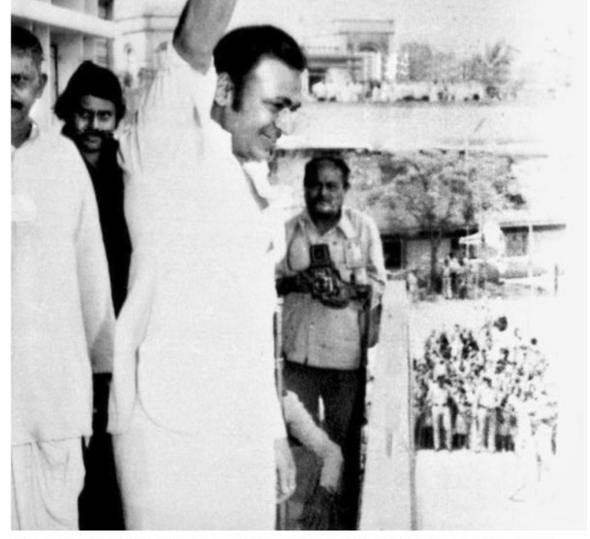
In the years that followed, liberalisation happened. Private sector emerged as a major player in the State.

"Post 1991, the state government went out of their way to placate the private sector. States were virtually competing with each other to give incentives in return for industrial investments.

Something like the 'quota for local bill' would have been seen as a major disincentive then," Narayana says.

Parallelly, among sections of people, a simmering fear of being relegated into a minority kept growing.

Although there have been no consistent long-drawn agitations in the state for job reservations, the voices for the same never really faded away either.



Actor Rajkumar during Gokak movement. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Revised report

In 2016 during the Siddaramaiah-led government, a five-member committee headed by L. Hanumanthaiah was set up to revise the Mahishi report.

"The Mahishi report belonged to a pre-liberalisation era. The relationship between state and private industry was very different then. Public sector was prominent and private sector was yet to emerge as a strong force. To address this, a revised Mahishi committee report was submitted," Narayana notes.

The revised report essentially extended the recommendations from the previous report to private sector.

It suggested that C and D-grade jobs at all private sector companies including IT-BT, resorts, retail commerce, hospitals, entertainment units, hotels, transport, tourism, start-ups, e-commerce, educational institutions and others should be reserved for local candidates since the state government provide these companies with facilities such as water, electricity, road, tax concessions and so on. This was recommended as one of the conditions to provide license to the companies.

The report also suggested that 80% of the higher-level jobs at these companies should be reserved for people from the state and that campus recruitment by these companies should be done only within Karnataka.

Since then, multiple governments considered further actions, however, no final decision was taken on either the Mahishi report or its revised version.

Cut to present

Karnataka Rakshana Vedike, formed in 1999, is one of the organisations that have been demanding the implementation of the Mahishi report. In the first week of June, the organisation members held a rally in Belagavi demanding the same. At the annual Kannada Sahitya Sammelana too, the implementation of the report has been a resolution passed almost every year. "There have been demands from time to time, however from the government's side it was only an assurance so far. This is the first time a very concrete bill has been brought up," Narayana says.

From a wedding pandal and into the dictionary

Many questions remain. Did the stars get paid to attend or did they pay? Why was the Korean film industry ignored?

ABOUT 500 WORDS

Suresh Menon

I am bereft. In mourning, you might say, although I haven't lost anyone near or dear. But it is difficult to shake off the feeling.

It's like the end of a World Cup or the conclusion of a superhero movie. You feel drained. Everything that follows is an anti-climax. Something has been taken away, and I will miss it on a daily basis.

What can give us that same high, that same sense of community, that wonderful feeling of knowing we may not be good enough to catch a ball on the boundary line or fly through the air, but there is someone who can actually do these things?

I am referring of course to the pre-wedding and wedding of the century, possibly the millennium. Now that this gadzillion-dollar affair is over (I think - although a post-wedding celebration on a private island isn't ruled out), and the dancers and singers have gone home and the smiles have been put away, what about the rest of us?

Anant Ambani and Radhika Merchant from their extravagant wedding ceremony. ANI

We neither danced nor sang, but we were there in spirit. We followed the breathless updates dinned into us and pored over the photographs brought to our homes by media outlets that are family concerns. Who wore what? Who kissed whom?

Nita Ambani at her son's wedding reception. ANI

Who danced out of step, and who were missing from the guest list? It is so dispiriting to wake up the morning after and discover that the air waves and newsprint and phone screens have gone silent or are telling us boring stuff like who shot Donald Trump or how Nehru was

Some killjoys say that all that conspicuous overconsumption was ostentatious, extravagant

responsible for the Indian cricket team's T20 loss to Zimbabwe.

Many questions remain. Did the stars get paid to attend or did they pay? Why was the Korean film industry ignored?

But we did learn a lot. That so much jewellery exists in the world (economics), and much of it hangs around the necks and other body parts of wedding guests (sport - weightlifting), that a multi-breasted suit is what some women wear while attempting to double body parts (fashion). And more.

Some killjoys say that all that conspicuous overconsumption was ostentatious, extravagant. I disagree. It was nothing of the sort. It kept a nation entertained and brought joy to all those who have nothing in their lives but a loin cloth and a colour TV.

Now that someone has spent the equivalent of the GDP of a small country on a wedding, it releases us from the obligation of doing it ourselves. It is like Usain Bolt running the 100-metres in 9.58 seconds. It can be done, it has been done - now we don't have to do it ourselves.

Some years ago, the word 'imeldific' entered the dictionary. It meant "ostentatiously extravagant, sometimes to the point of vulgarity," and was a tribute to Imelda Marcos, former First Lady of the Philippines who had 15 mink coats, 508 gowns, 888 handbags, and 3,000 pairs of shoes.

Now a word for an imeldific wedding is on the verge of getting there.

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO JULY 23, 1974

Gold Miners on Strike

Kolar Gold Fields: July 22. Over 2,880 workers out of 4,360 workers of the morning shift of Champion Reefs Mines and Nundydroog Mines abstained from work to-day in response to a call by Mr. C.M. Armugam, MLA and President of the Bharat Gold Mines Workers Union. Most of the shops in Mahatma Gandhi Market at Robertsonpet and a few shops in the Andersonpet Market area also observed hartal and students of the Government High School for Boys went on strike.

The workers of the Mysore Mine Section of the Bharat Gold Mines Limited did not join the strike today.

New Designs for Watch Dials

Bangalore, July 22: The Regional Design Centre of the AH India Handicrafts Board here is evolving novel designs for wristwatch dials and watch cases. The Director of the Centre, Mr. K. Chakrabarty, said to-day that a few leading watch manufacurers both in India and abroad had shown considerable interest in the new dials and cases. A leading watchmaker of Bangalore had come forward to introduce the new designs evolved by the craftsmen of the centre.

CITYBEATS

Monsoon delights

JULY 15 TO AUGUST 15
Celebrate the monsoon season with Toast & Tonic Bengaluru's limited-time Monsoon Menu. Enjoy locally sourced ingredients such as jowar flakes and ragi, infused into delectable dishes. Pair your meal with signature cocktails like the Irish Kiss and Cloudy Collins.
At Toast & Tonic Bengaluru, Ashok Nagar. Call 9148254262.

The art of storytelling

JULY 27
Join author Aishwarya Jha and executive editor Venkatesh Karthik for an enlightening session on writing and publishing a successful debut novel. Learn how to turn an idea into a script, bring characters to life, understand the importance of setting, and discover what editors seek.
From 3pm onwards at Atta Galatta, Indiranagar. Call 9632510126.

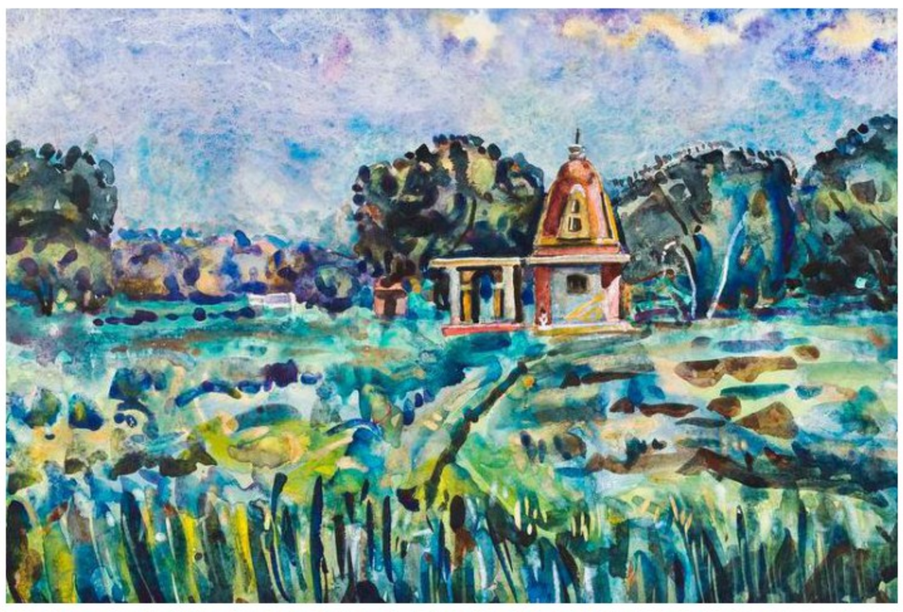
Family and social justice

JULY 23
Artist Rahee Punyashloka discusses his creative repository 'Fieldnotes from Begumpura' and 'Family Vacation,' exploring Dalit experiences through ethnographic and multi-medium works. Delve into communal and personal inquiries, anti-caste struggles, and more in his art.
At MAP from 6:30pm. Free entry. Register at map-india.org.

Remembering Rumale

Rumale Art House in Rajajinagar offers insights into the life of its founder who was a freedom fighter, social activist, editor and artist

Rashmi Gopal Rao



Harking back to the past Rumale Art House and the works of Rumale Chennabasaviah. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

It is often said that exploring your own backyard can reveal hidden treasures and this indeed rings true in a city like *namma* Bengaluru. Strolling around the by lanes of Rajajinagar, I discovered a gem – the Rumale Art House. Tucked in the midst of residential homes, this small yet engaging gallery is dedicated to the works of Rumale Chennabasaviah.

A multi-faceted personality in the true sense of the word, Rumale (1910-1988) was a freedom fighter, social activist and an editor apart from being an accomplished artist.

Housed in Rumale's erstwhile residence, Rumale Art House is home to about 120 original works of the artist and is run by Sanjay Kabe whose father was a close friend of Rumale. "We have about 90 frames on display at any point. We keep alternating the canvases which keep the space fresh throughout the year," says Sanjay.

Established in 1973, Rumale Art House is one of the city's oldest art galleries.

Role in India's Independence

Rumale who was born in 1910, played a significant role in the freedom struggle and was a participant in Mahatma Gandhi's non-violent resistance movement during 1930-1947. From 1947-1962, he was deeply involved in several nation building activities, including the setting up of the Seva Dal which trained the youth to serve the nation.

Twice, he was elected as a Member of the Legislative council for Mysore state and he also worked for the Kannada daily *Tainadu* as an editor. Yet, with all these engagements, art remained Rumale's first love, having studied it at the Kalamandir School of Art at Chamarajendra Technical Institute in Mysore. He finally decided to pursue his passion from 1962 after bidding adieu to politics.

Rumale employed a novel technique which was similar to impasto in all his plein-air paintings

A favourite subject

The nature and streetscapes of Bengaluru were the main subjects of Rumale's works. He largely used water colours and oil paints and his works were characterised by fast, sharp brush strokes and a generous use of vibrant colour.

"Rumale was naturally gifted and adept at mixing colours on the paper itself which made his work unique and gave the artwork a distinct texture. Bold strokes were his signature style," says Sanjay, who was closely associated with the artist's life. Rumale employed this technique which was almost similar to impasto in all his plein-air paintings, similar in style to Dutch great Vincent Van Gogh.

Whether it was the yellow blooms of Navrang Park in Rajajinagar or the bright orange Gulmohars in Cubbon Park, the buoyancy and the depth in his artwork is unmissable. "He was always thorough in his preparation – he would visit a location, study the subject and start painting at the venue when the light was right," adds Sanjay, who often accompanied Rumale on his quests. Apart from nature, his work depicting old residences and petrol stations have a refreshing appeal and are a treat to the eyes.

Spiritual dimension

Rumale was deeply spiritual and followed the teachings of his mentors, Guru Sri Sri Sri Shivabalayogi Maharaj and Shreeman Tapaswiji Maharaj. In fact, his first work of art was at the age of 12 and it was a sketch of Jesus Christ. Apart from nature, Rumale has also painted several deities, religious sites and temples of Karnataka.

Notable among them are the shrine of Renuka Yellamma, Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara as well as Shridi Sai Baba apart from several figures of Lord Shiva. The painting of the Sangameshwara temple in Kudalasangama, is particularly noteworthy with its high-spirited use of colours and energetic vibe.

Rumale also executed a few portraits, including those of both his gurus, Sanjay's father, Madhav Kabe, and that of Sanjay and his sister Shabaladevi Kabe. Much like his paintings on nature, his portraits too, stand out for their eclectic colour palette which included warm tones of rust, ochre and red in oil paint and cool hues of blue and green in water colours.

"My father and Rumale met in 1955 and shared a brotherly bond. Our family of four and Rumale lived together in this house," reminisces Sanjay.

Rumale Art House was established by Rumale himself and he displayed his work there from 1973 until his demise in 1988. Since then, the gallery has been managed by Sanjay who has held retrospectives on Rumale's work in other cities.

"We have held exhibitions at the Indian Institute of World Culture in Basavanagudi, Bangalore International Centre and the National Gallery of Modern Art, Mumbai to name a few. The idea is to spread awareness and give people a chance to view Rumale's works," says Sanjay.

Rumale Art House is at 674, 45th Cross Rd, 3rd Block, Rajajinagar. Open from 10:30am-5pm, on all days except Tuesday.

Language in the limelight

Maithreya Karthik and Anchal Gupta

A Marathi play *Madhurav - Boru te Blog* was recently performed at the Indiranagar Sangeetha Sabha. Hosted by Mitramandal Bengaluru, the play performed by just three actors, spanned 2000 years of Marathi history. Employing an innovative use of audio-visual elements and stage props, *Madhurav* was written by Samira Gujar and directed by Madhura Welanker-Satam.

A book was projected during the performance to enhance the audience's understanding of literary history and was followed by a quiz later on. This unique approach was conceptualised by Madhura and the play's format makes it adaptable for performances in various locations, especially smaller venues.

The play invites local writers to share their work and emphasises the journey from traditional manuscript writing to modern day blogging. Their work addresses contemporary issues of preserving cultural heritage and language in a globalised world, highlighting the importance of connecting future generations to their roots.

With a MA in Marathi and PhD in Sanskrit Bhakti Shastra, Samira aims to highlight the significance of regional languages in contemporary times. Apart from Madhura who is a full-time producer and director, Jui Bhagwat and Ashish Gade also starred in the play.

"Though Marathi is an ancient language, its schools are shutting down. If you want to make the next generation realise its importance, it has to be done in an entertaining way which will reach their heart and brain," said Madhura, when asked about her inspiration for the play.

During a lecture, a professor's mention of Vishwa Shastri Chitravankar, who wrote the iconic Marathi work *Nibandh Mala* deeply inspired Samira. This revelation spurred her interest in researching the history and biographies of authors and their works, a practice showcased in her play *Matharam*. Together with her friend Madhura, who holds an MA in Marathi, Samira unearthed fascinating historical insights and contributions to Marathi, inspiring them to create the play *Madhurav - Boru te Blog.*

Say you, say me Scenes from the Marathi play *Madhurav te Blog*. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Challenging task

While crafting the script, Samira had to condense extensive historical material into a cohesive and engaging narrative. She credits inputs from Madhura and her teachers' guidance, which helped her create a script that resonates with both avid readers and general audiences.

The play acknowledges the contributions of countless writers and scholars through the years. By highlighting the richness and depth of Marathi culture, *Madhurav* aims to inspire audiences to preserve their linguistic and literary traditions.

Their recent performance in Bengaluru was the play's 31st show and Samira says audiences have shared how it ignited an interest in Marathi. "Since we did quite a few shows in colleges and English medium schools, some children have begun reading Marathi books or speaking it a bit," said Madhura.

Looking ahead

Samira and her team have plans for international tours, including potential performances in the UAE and the USA, in the hope that would spur expatriate communities to preserve Marathi language and culture.

Meanwhile, Madhura is working on an adaptation of the play, "This version of the play is fictional in parts, so we can promote it among the masses."

"On my YouTube channel, titled 'Incredible Marathi,' we present 10-minute videos on books, authors, and other helpful information, dubbing it in English and Hindi, so even the next generation will understand and hopefully also bring about some change," she adds.

Follow madhurav.official on Insta for updates on the next staging of *Madhurav - Boru te Blog*

Revisiting a Karnad classic

Bhoomija's presentation of Girish Karnad's landmark play, *Tughlaq*, is set to be staged for Bengaluru's audiences once again. The renowned Kannada play is designed and directed by theatre director S Surendranath with scenography crafted by M S Sathyu, stage designer, art director, and film director.

Tughlaq boasts a stellar cast featuring popular Kannada television, theatre, and film actors, including Keerthi Bhanu, Hulugappa Kattimani, and Soumya Bhagwat, among others.

Director S Surendranath highlights the timeless relevance of the play: "Girish Karnad's *Tughlaq* is one of the greatest plays of Indian theatre. It revolves around an eccentric ruler in Indian history and the events of that time, can never be irrelevant. Political strategies, religious intrigues and personal relationships are interlocked in the play. It is also an attempt to understand what impact the orders of the palace have on the population at large."

Gayathri Krishna, the Founder and Managing Trustee of Bhoomija, said, "It is our privilege that such a fantastic team has come together to breathe life into this Karnad classic."

Bengaluru-based Bhoomija Trust is known for its collaborations with experienced and emerging talents in Indian theatre and music. With over 150 shows presented nationally and internationally, Bhoomija continues to push artistic boundaries, producing works such as Roysten Abel's *Weaving Voices* and Zakir Hussain's *Triveni*.

The play will be staged at Ranga Shankara on July 27 at 3.30pm and 7.30pm. Tickets on BookMyShow.

11 of those in contact list of deceased Kerala boy test negative for Nipah

Health authorities in the State heave a sigh of relief; those tested negative include boy's parents and two hospital staff; list of contacts with the victim increases to 406 of which 194 are in high risk category, says State Health Minister Veena George

Abdul Latheef Naha
MALAPPURAM

The health authorities in Kerala heaved a sigh of relief on Monday as the serum samples of eleven people on the contact list of a 15-year-old boy from Pandikkad who died of Nipah virus at the Government Medical College Hospital, Kozhikode, on Sunday, tested negative.

Health Minister Veena George said here in the evening that those tested negative for Nipah included the boy's parents, two hospital employees from Palakkad, and two others from Thiruvananthapuram. Nine samples had been sent to the virology laboratory at the Government Medical College Hospital, Kozhikode, and four samples to the Institute of Advanced Virology at Thonnakkal in Thiruvananthapuram.

The number of people on the list of contacts with the Nipah victim had increased to 406 with the health officials using different methods, including surveillance camera footage, to identify the people who came in contact with the boy directly or indirectly between July 10 and 19. As many as 194 of them were in high risk category. Ms. George said 139 of those in high risk group were health workers.

Taking stock: Health Minister Veena George chairing a review meet on Nipah situation, in Malappuram on Monday. SAKEER HUSSAIN

She said 15 people on the contact list had been admitted to different hospitals and were under treatment. "Those who tested negative and have recovered from fever and other symptoms will be discharged. However, they will have to remain in isolation as per the protocol," the Minister said.

On the contact list, there were four persons from Thiruvananthapuram and two from Palakkad. The samples being tested at Thonnakkal lab were those in quarantine in Thiruvananthapuram.

The Minister said the boy who died of Nipah reportedly had eaten a hog plum (*ambazhanga*) from a plot infested with bats. "Preliminary investigations show that this could be the source of infection," she said. However, she said further investigations were needed to confirm the source of infection.

14-year-old Kerala boy recovers from PAM

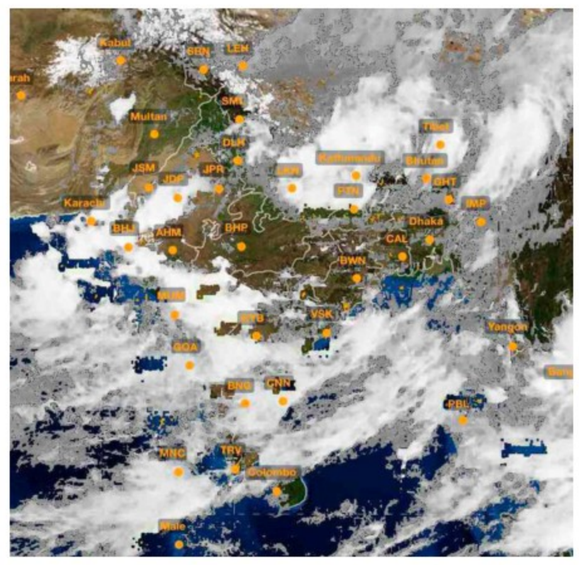
The Hindu Bureau
KOZHIKODE

A 14-year-old boy from Kozhikode, Kerala, has recovered from primary amoebic meningoencephalitis (PAM), a rare and fatal infection with a mortality rate of 97%.

Health Department sources claimed on Monday that it was rare in the country as very few people had survived the infection across the world. Afnan Jasim had been undergoing treatment at Baby Memorial Hospital, Kozhikode, from July 1 and was discharged on Monday. This comes two days after the State government issued a treatment protocol for the infection.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Sikkim, West Bengal, Odisha, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa and Karnataka

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	5	32.1	26.8	Kozhikode	—	31.0	25.8
Ahmedabad	—	34.0	27.4	Kurnool	4.3	31.9	24.1
Aizawl	12	31.4	23.2	Lucknow	—	36.8	29.7
Allahabad	—	38.8	29.2	Madurai	—	40.1	25.8
Bengaluru	0.2	26.5	20.4	Mangaluru	27	29.5	23.6
Bhopal	50	30.6	25.0	Mumbai	176	27.8	24.6
Bhubaneswar	8.1	29.8	26.2	Mysuru	—	29.6	—
Chandigarh	—	33.4	29.6	New Delhi	—	36.4	29.2
Chennai	—	34.8	28.9	Patna	2	35.4	28.8
Coimbatore	—	31.2	24.8	Port Blair	0.4	30.3	27.0
Dehradun	73	27.8	24.2	Puducherry	—	33.0	27.2
Gangtok	11	21.2	19.4	Pune	4.5	26.7	24.1
Goa	38	29.4	24.8	Raipur	8.5	27.6	25.2
Guwahati	1	33.6	26.6	Ranchi	11	30.6	24.0
Hubballi	—	27.0	23.0	Shillong	1.1	23.7	18.5
Hyderabad	7	29.5	23.1	Shimla	27	27.4	20.0
Imphal	1.1	29.9	23.6	Srinagar	—	35.6	20.9
Jaipur	0.8	36.2	28.2	Thiruvananthapuram	23	30.0	23.9
Kochi	—	29.4	26.0	Tiruchi	—	35.5	28.8
Kohima	21	25.0	18.4	Vijayawada	4	31.8	24.8
Kolkata	13	32.6	26.8	Visakhapatnam	28	27.4	24.9

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.40	.25	.48	52	75	
Bengaluru	.17	.25	.63	—	104	
Chennai	5	9	.62	164	138	
Delhi	.13	106	.54	62	55	
Hyderabad	9	7	.23	60	58	
Kolkata	6	.20	.33	21	42	
Lucknow	.10	.15	.17	50	92	
Mumbai	—	.41	.59	29	38	
Pune	—	.34	107	28	38	
Visakhapatnam	7	.37	.16	31	56	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 199 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 7

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

'Dept. will give land for essential infrastructure if alternative land is given for afforestation'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre on Monday made it clear that his department would not obstruct any essential development works and that it was possible under the present norms to get forest land for public infrastructure works like roads if the government provided alternative land for afforestation to make up for the loss in forest cover.

Replying to a call attention notice by Araga Jnanedra (BJP) in the Legislative Assembly, the Minister said the Forest Department would provide land for public infrastructure like roads only when it was essential and there was no other alternative.

Meanwhile, he announced that a meeting of the departments of Forest, Revenue and Irrigation would be called soon to discuss the problems of Halalakkavalli village in Shivamogga district where the land-losers for the Tunga reservoir, who had been rehabilitated in 1950s, were facing eviction as some of the land given to them by the government belonged to the Forest Department.

The Minister said as per the norms, it was not possible to allow the rehabilitated families to reside on the same land if it was found to be forest land.

However, the proposed meeting would try to find out if the forest land had been denotified then itself to make way for rehabilitation. If there were any documents related to denotifiation effected in the 1950s itself, then it would be possible to protect the rehabilitated persons, he said.

Earlier, Mr. Jnanendra expressed concern over the plight of land-losers and wondered why the government did not take precautions to ensure that non-forest land was given to them.

He pointed out that some of the rehabilitated families were safe as their lands did not come under forest classification. However, some others were in crisis as their lands had now been identified to be that of the Forest Department, he said.

AAI gets green nod for Calicut runway fix

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Kerala government has granted environmental clearance for runway correction work at Calicut airport necessitated after a probe into the 2020 Air India Express air crash that killed 21, the Centre informed Parliament. The expansion work is expected to be concluded by December 2025.

The environmental clearance was awarded on July 11, 2024, the Minister of State for Civil Aviation Murlidhar Mohol informed Rajya Sabha.

The Airports Authority of India granted the work for providing the runway end safety area (RESA) of 240 m at both ends on February 19, 2024 from the existing 90 m after the State government handed over 12.54 acre land to it on October 19, 2023.

As a special measure, the AAI has offered to bear the cost of filling and levelling of land for provision of RESA and has received a sanction of ₹484.57 crore, the Minister added.

INBRIEF

Court takes cognisance of chargesheet against Kavitha

A Delhi court on Monday took cognisance of a supplementary chargesheet filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) against jailed Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leader K. Kavitha in the corruption case related to the alleged excise scam. Special judge Kaveri Baweja took note of the chargesheet and said that there was sufficient evidence against Ms. Kavitha for the trial to proceed. The court directed the CBI to supply copies of the supplementary chargesheet to the accused. The matter will be heard on July 26.

HC grants bail to woman accused of killing newborn

The Kerala High Court on Monday granted bail to a 23-year-old woman arrested in connection with the murder of her newborn by throwing the child from the fifth floor of her apartment in Kochi. The prosecution case was that the woman smothered the baby three hours after its birth and hurled the body, after wrapping it in a parcel cover, to the nearby road on May 3. When the petition came up for hearing, senior counsel appearing for the petitioner, submitted that the investigation was over. The woman was a rape victim. Therefore, her continued detention in judicial custody was unnecessary.

Six injured along with a horse in three-car collision

A chain of accidents on the Medak-Narsapur road left six injured, including a horse, after the animal being led by a biker swerved into the oncoming traffic, triggering a three-car collision.

To avoid hitting the horse, a car with a Medchal registration swerved into another car on Sunday evening while travelling towards Kowdipally, Narsapur Inspector John Reddy said. "The driver and others involved in the accident are yet to be identified. They were all shifted to a nearby hospital for medical assistance," said the officer.

Dent in budget

People waiting to purchase tomatoes at subsidised rates at a Rythu Bazaar in Visakhapatnam on Monday. With this year's prolonged dry spell affecting tomato yield, the price of the kitchen staple has increased to around ₹100 a kg. K.R. DEEPAK

Hyderabad to devise action plan to tackle stray dog menace

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

An apex committee comprising senior officials of various government departments and members of the Blue Cross will formulate an action plan to control the stray dog menace in Hyderabad.

Principal Secretary of Municipal Administration M. Dana Kishore announced this on Monday at a high-level meeting with the officials of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), Veterinary Department, and animal welfare organisations at the Secretariat where the issue of stray dogs in the city was discussed.

Last week, an 18-month-old boy was mauled to death by a pack of stray dogs in Jawaharnagar in Hyderabad.

To check such incidents, Mr. Kishore underlined the need to take up awareness campaign among resident welfare associations, slum level federations and schoolchildren on the behaviour of dogs. He issued instructions for setting up animal care centres in all urban local bodies of the State at the earliest.

GHMC Commissioner Amrapali Kata said the corporation would take up survey of stray dogs in the city along with a sterilisation programme and anti-rabies vaccination drive.

Bid to transfer control of churches fails, Orthodox flays govt.

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KOTTAYAM

With the authorities yet again aborting midway the move to take over and transfer control of two parishes in Ernakulam on Monday, the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church has intensified its attack on the government for its failure in implementing the Supreme Court order on the Malankara Church dispute.

Addressing the media, Youhanon Mar Diascoros Metropolitan accused the government of staging a drama in favour of the Jacobite faction to undermine the top court's order in the church dispute.

"What we witnessed at Pulinthanam St. John's Church and Mazhuvannoor St. Thomas Church was a re-enactment of a drama where authorities, by notifying the other party in advance, allowed them to position themselves inside the parish to create a law and order issue," he said.

'Biased act'

"It is condemnable that the authorities, responsible for enforcing the court's order regardless of majority or minority status of a parish, are acting in such a biased manner. This move challenges the judicial system of our country," he added.

170 Koya, Konda Reddi villages affected in Godavari Valley; 960 tribals evacuated

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More than 170 villages have been affected by the Godavari flood in the four mandals of Chintoor Agency in the Alluri Sitharama Raju district in Andhra Pradesh by Monday.

Most of the villages are inhabited by the Koya and Konda Reddi tribes in the Chintoor, V.R. Puram, Kunavaram and Yetapaka mandals along the banks of the Sabari and the Godavari.

Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA-Chintoor) Project Officer Kavuri Chaitanya said 960 people have been evacuated. The Konda Reddi tribals have been mostly shifted to the relief camps on the hill tops.

A Konda Reddi hamlet inundated by flood water in the Papikonda hill range of Chintoor Agency in Alluri Sitarama Raju district in Andhra Pradesh on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

ASR Collector A.S. Dinesh Kumar directed officials to intensify the drive to shift the affected tribals along the Sabari to the relief camps.

The second Godavari flood warning was in force at Bhadrachalam by Monday. As a result, the tribes in the entire Godavari Valley face the threat of submergence due to the backwaters of the Polavaram irrigation project. As many as 149 relief camps have been readied for the affected people in the five mandals in the Chintoor Agency.

Collector A.S. Dinesh Kumar said 226 pregnant women have been admitted to the nearby government hospitals. The ITDA officials have also arranged 1,132 metric tonnes of rice for distribution.

Democratic departure

Biden's withdrawal from the race can open up the presidential election

With less than four months to go before the 2024 U.S. election and less than one month ahead of the Democratic Party's Convention, incumbent and expected nominee of his party, President Joe Biden (81), has quit the race and in doing so has endorsed his running mate, Vice-President Kamala Harris, for the presidential ticket. Mr. Biden's exit comes after months of Democrats calling for him to step down after public gaffes and fumbles, thought to be linked to his age. His withdrawal caught many, including some within the Democratic Party, off-guard, given that his campaign chair, Jen O'Malley Dillon, had said, "He's not going anywhere." This resolute stance is said to have baffled senior party lawmakers, who, especially after Mr. Biden's disastrous performance when he went toe-to-toe with Republican rival and former President Donald Trump, are said to have privately conveyed to the President that he ought to make way for a stronger candidate if the Democrats were to have a reasonable chance in the polls.

While the final tally of delegates at the Democratic Convention will determine which candidate ultimately wins the party's nomination for the election, the odds look increasingly strong for Ms. Harris to make history as the U.S.'s first ever Indian-origin and person(woman)-of-colour nominee for President, and the second woman, following Hillary Clinton's run against Mr. Trump in 2016. In terms of the factors favouring Ms. Harris, she is anyway next in line under the U.S. Constitution in terms of official succession; and she would likely gain access to close to $100 million in campaign funds. On the flip side, she is a relatively less known figure nationally, and Republicans have been quick to label her the custodian of left-wing political values, such as her espousal of reproductive freedom in the face of the Supreme Court ruling against the constitutional right to abortion. Further, surveys suggest that public opinion places her approval at roughly the same level as Mr. Biden's and that would put her a few rungs below Mr. Trump. Nevertheless, the expected response from the Democratic quarter – if they wish to avoid the risky scenario of factional infighting at the Convention – would be for them to unite around Ms. Harris and her running mate – frontrunners include Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer, California Governor Gavin Newsom and Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. Even in this best-case scenario for Democrats, the Republicans under Mr. Trump appear to be on a far firmer footing to win over independent voters in swing States, the key to overall victory in any U.S. presidential election.

Quest for quota

Bangladesh needs to address its booming unemployment crisis

The violent student protests in Bangladesh against the controversial job quota system, which have claimed at least 163 lives, have exposed the fragility of the civil society-state relationship in Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's country, despite her back-to-back election victories. While the trigger was a High Court decision, last month, to reintroduce the old quota system – 56% of government jobs for different categories, including 30% for the descendants of freedom fighters – Ms. Hasina's handling of the crisis made the situation worse. When student protests, backed by the opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party, broke out, she dismissed the protesters as Razakars, which is considered to be derogatory as it refers to those who aided the Pakistani military's genocide of locals in erstwhile East Pakistan prior to the creation of Bangladesh. There were also allegations that the student wing of Ms. Hasina's Awami League attacked the protesters, besides police and paramilitary forces. The crisis spiralled out of control, bringing Dhaka, the megacity of 10.2 million people, to a grinding halt. On Sunday, the Bangladesh Supreme Court scaled back the quota system, offering a major victory to the protesters. The 30% quota has now been brought down to 5%, and remaining reservations to 2%, while 93% government jobs would be open for all Bangladeshis.

The quota system, established in 1972, has been a sensitive issue for years. In 2018, after violent protests, Ms. Hasina scrapped all reservations through an executive order. The protesters' opposition now is driven by both the economic realities of the South Asian nation of 170 million and political concerns. Despite rapid economic growth under Ms. Hasina's leadership, Bangladesh remains a poor country where youth unemployment stands at around 20%. Government jobs are seen as more stable and highly sought after. Growing frustration among the youth has been a social time bomb. The protesters and opposition parties also say the quota system mostly benefits the Awami League, which fought for independence, and helps the ruling party tighten its grip over the bureaucracy. The Supreme Court's order has come as a relief for both sides. Ms. Hasina should be willing to talk to the protesters and opposition leaders to find a lasting solution by reforming the reservation system. The Prime Minister's high-handed style and the persistent hostility between the government and the opposition are also hurting the country's institutions and weakening its political system. Ms. Hasina should show accountability by ordering an independent investigation into the high number of deaths of protesters. And in the long run, her government should address the booming unemployment crisis, which, if left unchecked, will come back to haunt her one way or the other.

Heat stress is more than a degree of concern

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In recent periods, climate change and environmental degradation have significantly affected the safety and the health of workers worldwide. Heat stress is anticipated to affect labour efficiency and productivity, in turn reducing work hours and hindering the International Labour Organization's (ILO) objective of promoting fair and decent employment. Workers, who are particularly vulnerable to climate change hazards, sometimes cannot cease working despite hazardous conditions because of financial constraints.

The main health effects of heat stress on workers include heat stroke, heat cramps, cardiovascular disease, acute kidney injury, and physical injury. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) states that to retain normal physiological activities, it is necessary to maintain a core body temperature of roughly 37°C. Temperature elevations over 38°C have a deleterious effect on one's cognitive and physical capabilities. During various life stages, women who are employed in heat-exposed sectors, such as subsistence agriculture, may be at risk for pregnancy-related complications, including hypertension, miscarriages, and premature births. An increase in temperature can diminish work productivity due to excessive heat that makes it difficult to work. Or, there is a need for personnel to operate at a slower pace.

ILO study findings

The ILO study (2019) estimated that "Heat stress is projected to reduce total working hours worldwide by 2.2 percent and global GDP by US$2,400 billion in 2030... Agricultural and construction workers are expected to be the worst affected, accounting for 60 percent and 19 percent, respectively of working hours lost to heat stress in 2030". Agricultural workers face a significantly higher risk from heat than workers in other occupations, with farmworkers being 35 times more susceptible to heat-related fatalities. Recent ILO (2024) estimates that 2.41 billion workers worldwide are exposed to extreme heat. Further, exposure to extreme heat at work is directly associated with about 22.85 million injuries and 18,970 fatalities annually. The Asia and the Pacific regions experience the highest Gross Domestic Product (GDP) losses due to heat stress affecting labour productivity. In 1995, the region's GDP was estimated to have decreased by 1.4%, which is forecast to decrease by 2.3% in 2030 due to climate change. Projections indicate that Thailand, Cambodia, and India will experience significant declines in their national GDP in 2030, with a decrease of over 5%.

Asia and the Pacific exhibit exceptional diversity in terms of climate and the varying levels of economic development among various countries. The geographical distribution of heat stress impact is not uniform. It is projected that by 2030, there would be a decrease of almost 5% in working hours in southern Asia and western Africa, while the reduction in the European subregions will be only 0.1%.

> The Asia and Pacific regions could experience significant economic losses due to heat stress affecting labour productivity

Further, southern Asia and sub-Saharan Africa are most susceptible to experiencing declines in labour productivity due to heat stress; these regions are already vulnerable to climate change and home to most of the world's poor population, which counteracts efforts to reduce inequalities. The countries that are most susceptible to experiencing decreases in productivity are those having a significant proportion of their workforce employed in the agricultural and/or construction sectors, as well as those situated in the tropical and subtropical latitudes. The decline in available working hours and output among small-scale and subsistence farmers is expected to affect household food security. Heat stress significantly impacts labour hours and productivity, and the impact is not uniform across regions and genders. Heat stress poses concerns that have the potential to exacerbate gender disparities in the workforce, particularly by deteriorating working conditions for the numerous women engaged in subsistence agriculture. Excessive heat stress is expected to impact the achievement of various Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Impact in India

India is undergoing a consistent increase in temperatures annually. By 2030, an estimated 160 million-200 million individuals around the nation may face the risk of experiencing deadly heat waves every year. Approximately 34 million people in India will experience job losses due to reduced productivity caused by heat stress. A study in West Bengal shows that as the temperature increases by 1°C, there is a corresponding decrease of approximately 2% in the productivity of female brickmaking workers. India is the country that experiences the most impact from heat stress; in 1995, it lost 4.3% of its working hours, which is anticipated to increase to 5.8% by 2030.

In addition, India is expected to experience a significant decline in full-time employment by 2030 as a result of heat stress, which can be attributed to its large population. Further, migrant workers often work in hazardous and physically demanding jobs, primarily in the informal economy. They are particularly vulnerable to the risks posed by climate change, as they usually lack occupational safety and health protections, essential services, and infrastructure.

Informal workers may continue working despite the risk to their health from extreme climate events due to financial constraints. Thus, there is a need to strengthen adaptation and mitigation measures at the global, national, and workplace levels to reduce the detrimental impact of heat stress on workers.

There are national guidelines under the title, 'Preparation of Action Plan - Prevention and Management of Heat Wave', by the National Disaster Management Authority in collaboration with the Ministry of Home Affairs. These guidelines are designed to protect the Indian workforce from the negative impacts of extreme heat. They are designed to help public officials create heatwave action plans for both urban and rural areas, with a focus on the general population.

The importance of the following factors is highlighted: providing education to workers; ensuring proper hydration; managing work schedules, and offering necessary medical facilities. The General Discussion Committee of the International Labour Conference, in June 2023, highlighted the urgent need to implement measures to ensure the safety and the health of workers impacted by climate-related risks and extreme weather events. This involves tackling the effects on their mental and physical well-being and the advocating of secure and conducive working environments.

In this regard, it is crucial for all stakeholders, including governments, employers, and workers, to collaborate in implementing measures that prioritise the protection of the most vulnerable individuals. These measures should include the development of sufficient infrastructure and enhanced early warning systems for extreme weather events.

Additionally, there should be a focus on improving the implementation of international labour standards that are related to occupational safety and health. This will ensure that those affected by heat stress are provided with suitable working conditions. Further, effective communication between workers and employers is essential to facilitate the adjustment of working hours, guarantee adequate rest breaks, provide access to drinking water, and offer training on the identification and management of heat stress. This can help alleviate the adverse effects of heat stress.

Think of green jobs

The government may implement adequate regulatory and legislative measures in occupations that are susceptible to heat waves in order to ensure the safety and well-being of workers. Additionally, infrastructure-related measures, such as implementing construction standards, should safeguard indoor workers. Considering the current climate change scenario, decent and green employment emerges as a promising solution for the future of work. Green jobs are employment opportunities that help protect or restore the environment while also supporting economic and social well-being.

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The long simmer of political violence in America

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It has been close to five decades since a presidential candidate was injured or assassinated in an attack in the United States. The bid on former U.S. President Donald Trump at an election rally in Butler County, Pennsylvania, on July 13, has shocked people, but there have been at least 15 assassination attempts on presidential nominees and Presidents; five resulted in deaths. This indicates how political violence is inextricably linked with American society and has come to cut across America's partisan political divide. The attempt on Mr. Trump's life comes at a time when the nation is more deeply polarised and divided along racial, cultural and ideological lines than it has ever been in American history. Amidst growing tribalism and polarisation, political violence has found its way back into American politics. However, in recent times, it has come to take a more partisan character.

A shift

The 1960s and 1970s were a tumultuous time in American political history, marked by the most audacious display of political violence. During this time, in three successive election cycles, presidential nominees faced assassination attempts. It was also a time when there was a greater incidence of the far-left utilising political violence to redress issues of social justice. A major shift happened from the 1980s leading up to 2010s with the right co-opting political violence to forward its political agenda on female reproductive rights, the environment and animal rights. An important characteristic of the violence of this time was that it was more ideological than partisan in character.

In the present time, as extremist beliefs and activities which were long viewed beyond the pale of normal politics become more mainstream, unprompted or planned political violence has preponderantly been orchestrated by individuals who do not identify with any extremist group and have acted in a more partisan than ideological manner. For instance, in 2011, an Arizona Democrat, Gabby Giffords and 17 others were shot by a gunman outside a supermarket for inciting intense backlash against Republicans for encouraging hatred. In 2017, a lone gunman who was a 'supporter' of Bernie Sanders opened fire on Republican whip, Steve Scalise and Congressional Republican baseball team. And, in 2022, a man attempted to murder Justice Brett Kavanaugh for his views on gun control and reproductive rights.

> The highly competitive nature of elections since 2010 is a key factor

Views and reasons

Today, a minuscule, but not inconsequential, group of American citizens endorse the use of violence to forward political ideas. In October 2023, research conducted at the University of California by the violence prevention research programme suggested that 8% of the respondents believed that political violence was justified in a democracy. Another study on American citizen's attitudes on political violence conducted by Robert Pape at the University of Chicago, revealed that since the Capitol insurrection attempt on January 6, 2021, nearly 10% of the respondents believed that utilising violence to keep Mr. Trump from becoming re-elected was justified, while 7% supported the use of force to restore him in office. Despite only a small proportion of the respondents registering their support for political violence to forward political ideas, it still puts the country at risk of stochastic terrorism.

Factors that have contributed to the increasing permissiveness of political violence in America include the highly competitive nature of elections since 2010, in which the uncertainty of outcomes has precipitated the use of force. During this time, America has also seen the crystallisation of the partisan division of the American citizenry into Democrats and Republicans with little to no cross-cutting ties. This has led to the creation of distinct in- and out-groups in which the circulation of dehumanising rhetoric and a Manichean world view has created a readiness for the use of force against the other side.

Rather than containing these tendencies, American electoral institutions and party politics have sharpened these ideological and policy differences. Since 2016, both Republicans and Democrats have morally disengaged with each other and discovered grounds to validate violence rather than condone it. Under the garb of plausible deniability, politicians have played a divisive role in inciting violence to achieve political outcomes and broaden the political divide. For politicians, particularly during election cycles but prior to voting, the use of dehumanising rhetorical exhortations and violence have been effective tools to build voter intensity and engagement. However, the most permissive condition for the spread of political violence in America has been weak institutional constraints on violence and a politicisation of the judiciary and law enforcement agencies. Structurally, based on the popular election of members to both the legislative and executive wing, an impasse between the two has often been resolved through political violence. Further diluting the federal institutional guardrails against political violence, recent legal pronouncements have bolstered the voting influence of state legislatures.

What can be done

In conclusion, in the immediate aftermath of the bid on Mr Trump, the bi-partisan condemnation of the political violence by leaders across party lines in the U.S., will be instrumental to de-escalate and deter violence. However, in the long term it is only systematic reforms in the electoral process, more compassionate, even-handed and transparent policing and conciliatory political speech by politicians that will bridge the growing rift in a polarised society.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Biden bows out

After questions were raised over his physical and mental acuity to run for U.S. presidentship, Joe Biden's move to bow out of the race is no surprise (Page 1, July 22). Though Mr. Biden has now endorsed Vice-President Kamala Harris as a Democratic nominee, one wonders whether the party would second her. A lot is stacked against Ms. Harris. If she wins, it would herald a new era in American politics.

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Bengaluru

It is not clear in which direction the Democrats will go now. This is certainly not the way Mr. Biden would have wished to end his decades-long political career. But the stakes in this election are higher than ever.

R. Sivakumar,
Chennai

Mr. Biden's decision is a blunder. First, he ought to have fought tooth and nail against his formidable foe, Donald Trump. Second, Ms. Harris is absolutely no match for Mr. Trump, who is adept in the art of manoeuvring.

Mani Nataraajan,
Chennai

Breach in fortress UPSC

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), hailed and respected for its robustness in ensuring that the best were selected for many tall services, no longer seems impregnable and is fast losing its sheen and the immense trust in its systems. This is due to the actions of one Indian Administrative Service probationer. What a shame.

Buddha Jagdish Rao,
Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

Medal hunt

The Olympic Games are considered to be the pinnacle of sporting excellence. So, a contingent of 117 members, which will be duly assisted by support staff and officials, ought to be cognisant of the fact that it should do very well.

Deepak Taak,
Panchkula, Haryana

The issues with state-sponsored street art

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As India's cities groan and roads struggle to accommodate increasing users and their needs, state-sponsored public art initiatives along the streets merit interrogation. Lately, commissioned artists have been adorning walls with vignettes that barely relate to these streets and local environments, such as collages of leaping dolphins, implausibly large flowers, Mickey Mouse, and romanticised stereotypes such as village women at wells. Hurriedly executed with industrial pigments, these paintings have begun to cover every available surface along the streets in some cities. They have transformed the facades of houses, schools, hospitals, government buildings, and religious institutions. Ostensibly goaded by a desire to turn heterogenous urban landscapes into smart cities and to produce a unified national identity, these wall paintings are obliterating filaments of our variegated history, making it harder for new social movements and protesters to sustain and materialise their own identities, and are causing environmental harm.

The multifarious present

Traditionally, Indian street spaces and surfaces have accommodated those in power and those who contest it. Hastily overpainting surfaces is threatening these histories. Our streets have served as sites for promoting government values by hosting parades. Revolutions, too, have been fought on roads, and non-violent masses been mobilised on them. The street fights of the Revolt of 1857 and the Quit India Movement's marches come to mind.

Streets have also served as stages for groups to perform their identities and assume new guises. Roads are used by Ramlila actors in Varanasi, devotees bringing Durga to her autumnal home in Kolkata's neighborhoods, families escorting Ganapati to the Mumbai seaside, and Tazia processions commemorating Muharram in Hyderabad.

The spaces and surfaces at the edge of roads have habitually functioned as their extensions. In the mofussil towns of north India, Mughal-era brick and lime-plaster facades attest to the creation of small towns and their populace's aspirations. Frescoes on their exterior walls signpost changing land inheritance rules, emotional ties of peripatetic traders to their ancestral homelands, and owners' negotiations with the colonial regime. Even Chandigarh's monochromatic concrete walls evince a newly independent country's interest in a worldwide trend where building materials were admired over ornament.

Over the 20th century, vertical surfaces along India's streets came to be sporadically marked with posters, stencils, spray paintings, tile murals, and compositions infected with the sensibilities of calendar art and cinema. These assemblages caught their desired audiences' attention and made passers-by look at them, ultimately creating publics around them. By replacing these vivid scenes of desire and dissent with bland motifs, state-sponsored urban street art macerates diversity. Rapid and expansive coverage of surfaces makes it difficult for individual artists to find spaces for their own forms of expression and for marginalised communities to make concrete their own stories and ideas of beauty. It reduces space for the performance of argumentative politics.

Even as state-sponsored wall texts and images proclaim the virtues of conserving nature and nurturing public health, agencies are steadily diluting forest laws and de-notifying protected areas. The gallons of industrial paints needed to decorate these surfaces are leading to the creation of wastewater. Industrial paints disintegrate once applied to surfaces exposed to cycles of heat and humidity. Pigment disintegration is accompanied with the release of nano-chemicals into the soil and water bodies. These toxins are bound to travel up food chains.

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What are the alternatives?

If government agencies wish to promote biodiversity, as messages painted on street walls proclaim, it is best to adopt a nimbler approach. Drystone walls are best left alone. These are made of locally quarried boulders and combat erosion. As herbs sprout in their crevices, these walls help ameliorate heat build-up in cities. Plants on these living walls temper urban noise by absorbing sound. Drystone walls also share an aesthetic sensibility with buildings in their proximity.

At Karaikudi, Raghurajpur, and other locales where old traditions of frescoes exist, state agencies should investigate the composition of walls and superimposed layers. Furthermore, authorities should help pigment discolouration of the surface by enforcing stricter zoning and traffic rules. Industrial and vehicular pollutants contain gases which react with water and oxygen to create acids that cause the crackling of old frescoes.

In cities such as Dehradun and Guwahati where traditions of wall painting do not exist, municipalities, cantonment boards, and highway authorities might use funds to establish sidewalks and clean sewers and preserve monuments lining streets, and create spaces for performing artists. Such efforts can help citizens understand their heritage by providing context.

Finally, government agencies seeking to nurture pride in India as a museum without walls might learn lessons from the Berlin Wall's surviving sections. Built during the Cold War, this wall served as a sign of Germany's division. Seeking to ameliorate this condition, authorities on the West Berlin side allowed artists to paint the wall. Artists from all over the world rendered scenes of hope and offered critique. Ultimately, they creatively advanced the task of democracy.

The cap on auto rickshaws is unjustified

The Court's refusal to increase auto rickshaw supply makes residents worse off

STATE OF PLAY

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Imagine you are on the road, in need of transport. You wave your hand, and two auto rickshaws stop. Your chosen driver asks you where you want to go, accepts the metered fare, and takes you to your destination. Such auto rides are possible, but not always in Delhi. Earlier this month, the Supreme Court wasted an opportunity to improve the lives of auto rickshaw commuters by turning down a request to lift the cap of 1,00,000 auto rickshaws in the capital, imposed in 2011.

The court received this application from Bajaj Autos in 2018. Judges felt that even if lifting the cap was the right decision, they could not be seen doing so at the request of a commercial interest. It would reflect poorly on the Court.

The Court recognised the need to increase the cap on auto rickshaws in Delhi, but also made an impossible ask. The order noted that the cap could be lifted in the interest of the people if the application came from the government or an organisation representing the interests of the common man, and not from a profit-making company. History and economic theory tell us that such a request is unlikely to come from a common man. The government will choose the side of an organisation that exists and is powerful at representing its interests: unions of auto rickshaw drivers.

To form interest groups of a large number of members such as auto rickshaw riders, public transport commuters, pedestrians, or consumers, or taxpayers is impossible. Interest groups work only when the interest is narrow and the benefits go to members who are concentrated, geographically or occupationally. Auto rickshaw drivers are able to form unions because their interests are narrow and specific towards protecting the value of their auto licence issued by the government. Auto licences are estimated to carry a value of ₹4,00,000 in secondary markets, while they were issued for a fee of just ₹1,000. If the cap were removed, the value of their licence would become zero.

On the other hand, if the cap is removed, riders will gain from more choices, competitive fares, and shorter waiting periods. But the interests of riders are scattered among a large number of people who are hard to organise. This is the tragedy and the reason why the Court's precondition to even consider lifting the cap is impossible to fulfil.

The Delhi government's view during the application hearing is also worth noting. Government counsel cited development of metro and other public transport as reasons to turn down the request to lift the cap. How this view is in complete contrast to the lived realities of commuters will be obvious to anyone who takes the metro. To take the metro, many must take an auto first. In Delhi, there are not many walkable streets, or safe road crossings. Metro stations, too, are far away from start and end destinations. Auto rickshaws fill this gap, making their services necessary. Just like there is no organisation to represent the interest of an auto rickshaw rider, there is no organisation to represent the interest of a pedestrian.

A Delhi commuter's life is different from, say, a Singaporean, who has the luxury to take public transport and continue their transit on wide and safe footpaths. Delhi residents bear the added cost of taking auto rickshaws, because the government has failed to provide basic public goods.

The cap on auto rickshaws is justified citing congestion and pollution as two other reasons. But auto rickshaws are the solution, not the problem. When the cost of taking public transport is so high and restricted, commuters are forced to buy private bikes and cars. Bikes are unsafe compared to auto rickshaws. Cars take more road space than auto rickshaws do. Private vehicle emissions add to pollution much more than CNG-operated auto rickshaws. In 2019, the Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority, the government agency responsible for taking measures to bring down pollution in the National Capital Region, also advised removing the cap on auto rickshaws.

Private gains made by relatively smaller and easy to organise interest groups, such as auto unions, outweigh the cost imposed on auto rickshaw riders and society at large. A great opportunity to improve the lives of commuters was lost, even if it came to the Court through Bajaj Autos, a commercial interest.

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A green wealth tax in Budget 2024

A wealth tax-financed Indian Green Deal would be able to tackle climate change as well as address inequality and unemployment

DATA POINT

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Today, the new government will present its maiden Budget, which needs to deliver on two critical issues confronting the common people – unemployment and inequality.

For India to utilise its huge demographic dividend, its young population, the government needs to think long term and prioritise employment both by actively providing for it in the Budget and incentivising employment generation in the private sector. To tackle rising inequality, a tax and expenditure policy can be devised. This can deliver on the social, democratic, and climate change fronts. Bold steps need to be taken though. We need to rethink our development model and chalk out a just, inclusive, and sustainable path. We present here what needs to be done and how, in the form of an Indian Green Deal (IGD).

There has been a dramatic rise in inequality in wealth and income for more than two decades now. A significant rise in consumption as a result of this has also led to burgeoning carbon emissions by the Indian elite. **Chart 1** presents the per capita carbon footprint of the top 10% of the Indian population, which, while diverging from an average Indian's, has converged with that of a first world citizen.

Why is this the case? **Chart 2** plots the ratio of expenses incurred by the Indian elite and an average Indian across different commodities and compares these with the carbon embodied in those commodities. It is clear that the rising emissions by the Indian elite has been led by their conspicuous consumption of carbon-intensive commodities such as housing, industrial goods, transport (airlines, SUVs, etc.) and clothing.

Given that rising emissions are directly related to unprecedented levels of wealth inequality, if the government were to levy a wealth tax, it would be able to solve many problems at one go.

India could think of a wealth tax-financed IGD consisting of three parts: green energy, infrastructure, and care economy (health and education). In 2020, the government promised 10% of the GDP as an *Atmanirbhar* (self-reliance) package for Covid-19 recovery. Taking that as a peg, we propose an alternative and more fruitful way of spending that amount. Ours is a 10-year horizon, which is the minimum time required if we want to overhaul the energy system of the country. Let us say the *Atmanirbhar* package were to be spent on this programme with 5% spent on infrastructure, 3% on the care economy, and 2% on the green energy programme. **Chart 3(a)** shows the expenses under these three categories and **Chart 3(b)** shows the total employment generated, respectively. The IGD could generate a total of 38.7 million jobs, which would be equivalent to 8.2% of the Indian labour force.

But 10% of the GDP is a tall ask. Where would the money come from? As per our calculations, a wealth tax rate of around 1.7% can kick off the programme. With the projected rise in wealth of the Indian elite **(Chart 4a)**, the programme can be financed through a declining tax rate, which would go down to 1.3% by the end of 2032 **(Chart 4b)**.

India needs to lead by example to show what countries can do to tackle climate change. This programme would also address both inequality and unemployment. June 2024 was a mandate for course correction. It is to be seen whether the government sees the Budget as an opportunity to do so or does more of the same.

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Financing the Indian Green Deal

The data for the charts were sourced from the World Bank, World Inequality Database (WID), NSSO 68th round, India's Input Output matrix data, and the PLFS (July 2017-June 2018) Annual Report

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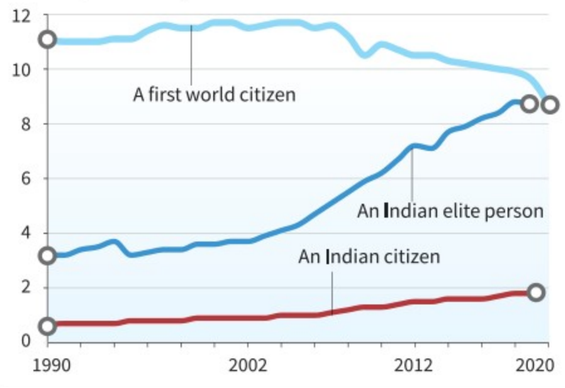

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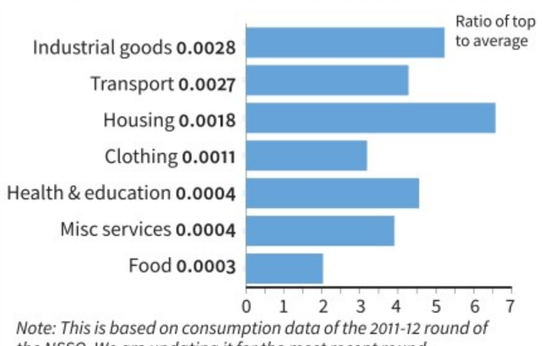

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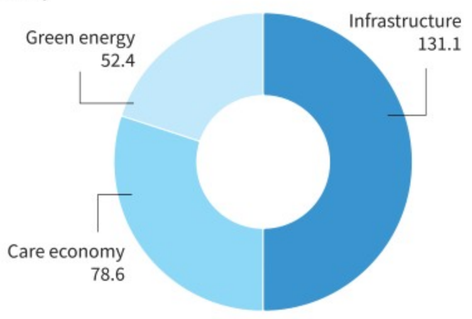

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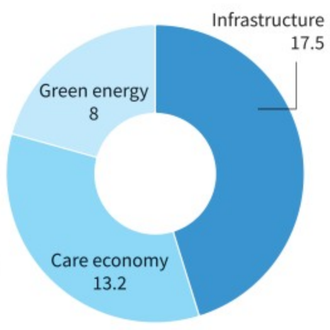

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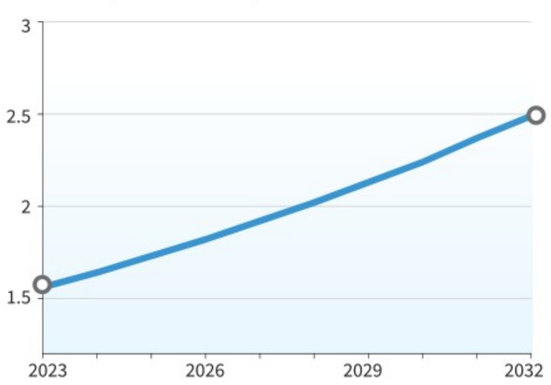

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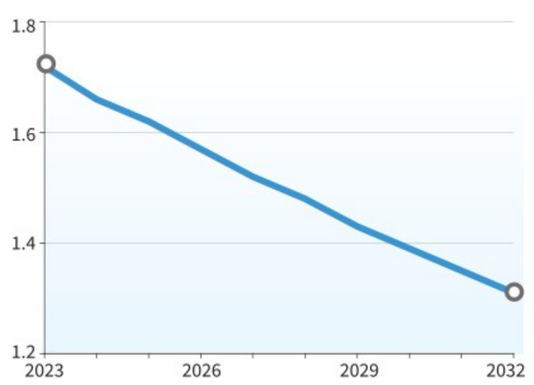


FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO JULY 23, 1974

Pak. build-up in Chhamb and Sialkot sectors

Srinagar, July 22: The extraordinary movements and build up of Pakistan army all along the 777-mile long line of actual control and on the international borders in Jammu and Kashmir State, including Ladakh, have not caused much concern among the over 10 lakhs people living adjacent to the line of actual control. They seem to be fully confident that the Indian security forces were alert and were vigilantly guarding the frontiers. This correspondent returned here to-day with this impression after an extensive tour of some of the border areas of the State along with some Kashmir Government officials.

According to some reliable reports reaching here the Pakistan Army has secretly made advance movement of tanks in the Sialkot and Chhamb sectors of the Jammu region. The number of violations of the line of actual control by Pakistani armed personnel has also considerably increased in the recent past as they have been every now and then, resorting to indiscriminate firing on the Indian Army pickets, border patrolling parties and civilian areas.

But, according to official sources here, there has been no casualty though some Indian security personnel and civilians had some minor bullet injuries both in the Kashmir Valley and the Jammu region.

Pakistani armed security personnel first of all broke the lull on the line of actual control in Mendhar, Poonch and Chhamb sectors last month with the use of mortars and light machine guns.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JULY 23, 1924

Periyar rises 8 ft.

Trivandrum, July 23: Due to recent heavy rains on the western ghats disastrous floods have occurred in various parts of Travancore resulting in considerable loss to property. The on-rush of floods caused several houses to be abandoned in which some loss of life is also reported. Heavy damage has been caused to great quantities of grains stocked for the season. Refugees are migrating to places of elevation. Present floods are unprecedented both in volume and the extent of damages. The Periyar has risen to 8 feet. Traffic is impeded. H.H. the Maharaja's South Travancore tour has been postponed.

From Page One

‘Economy likely to grow by 6.5% to 7% this year’

“For India’s working-age population to be gainfully employed, they need skills and good health. Social media, screen time, sedentary habits, and unhealthy food are a lethal mix that can undermine public health and productivity and diminish India’s economic potential. The private sector’s contribution to this toxic mix of habits is substantial, and that is myopic,” he asserted.

Arguing that structural reforms such as the GST and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code have matured and are delivering envisaged results, the Survey’s authors said such supply side reforms must now make way for “next-gen reforms that are bottom-up in nature to yield strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth”.

“What has got us here will not get us to where we want to be,” Mr. Nageswaran said, explaining that India’s per capita income GDP has risen seven times since 1990 to $2,500, but the journey to raise it to $10,000 and make India a developed nation by 2047 needs a different approach.

Six-pronged strategy

“Open minds are a good place to start... Our knowledge and attitudes have to continually evolve...” reads the preface to the Survey’s six-pronged strategy prescription that gives primacy to boosting private sector investments “organically and steadily, delivering endogenous growth in jobs and a fair share of income for workers”.

Financing the green transition, removing hindrances for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), tapping the potential of agriculture to be a growth engine by removing policy impediments and “intelligent farmer-friendly policies”, also figure in the Survey’s wish list.

Kanwar Yatra row: SC stays order on stalls

The court said it was permissible for authorities to ensure that *Kanwariyas* were served vegetarian food, conforming to standards of hygiene and according to their dietary preferences. However, the police could not usurp the powers of municipal authorities through orders that restrict freedoms without the support of law.

The court acknowledged that the impact of the directives was spread across multiple States, requiring it to judicially intervene immediately.

The Bench issued notice to States through which the yatra traverses, including Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi and Madhya Pradesh. It said States not impleaded, but through which the yatra would pass, shall be issued *suo motu* notice. The court listed the case on Friday.

The order came on separate petitions filed by the Association for Protection of Civil Rights, represented by senior advocate C.U. Singh and others, including Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra, academic Apoorvanand Jha, and columnist Aakar Patel. The petitioners argued that the directives affected the secular character of the nation, infringed the secular values enshrined in the Preamble to the Constitution, and violated fundamental rights of equality, caste non-discrimination, and dignity of life.

The directives had led to the forcible retrenchment of employees working in the shops *en route* the Kanwar Yatra, amounting to the violation of the fundamental right to earn a livelihood or do business or trade. “It would require very large boards to display the names, caste and other identity details of the owners and all the employees. This is sheer exclusion by identity,” senior advocate A.M. Singhvi submitted.

SC directs IIT-Delhi to solve NEET question

Petitioners have argued that two answers cannot be right. The NTA cannot give full marks to both answers. The NEET instruction has been to select the correct answer according to the latest NCERT edition. Forty-four students got perfect scores because the NTA chose to grant them grace marks for this ambiguous question. “By giving marks to the second option, you (NTA) went against your own rule that the old edition cannot be followed... On the other hand now, 4.20 lakh students would lose four marks and also get one negative mark each if the second option is treated as wrong,” Chief Justice Chandrachud observed orally.

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, for NTA, justified giving grace marks to those who chose the second option, saying these were poor children who may have borrowed their older siblings’ textbooks to study for NEET.

A counsel appearing for one of the petitioners said she had personally searched high and low for an old edition, that is, pre-2018 edition, but had found none available.

To resolve the conundrum, the Bench has sought the expertise of the IIT-Delhi. “We request the Director at IIT (Delhi) to constitute a team of three experts of the subject concerned. The team is requested to formulate its opinion on the correct option for the above question and remit its opinion to the Secretary General of this court, preferably by noon on July 23,” the court said.

The hearing witnessed the Bench repeatedly ask the petitioners, represented by senior advocates Narendar Hooda and Sanjay Hegde, and advocates Mathew Nedumpara and Charu Mathur, if they had any evidence to show the question paper leaks had spread across other States.

Opposition indulging in negative politics, misusing Parliament: Modi

PM urges Opposition leaders to engage in constructive work, and says rival parties tried to muffle his voice in previous Lok Sabha session; he adds that the Union Budget, which will be presented on Tuesday, will set the direction for next five years

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday alleged that the Opposition was practising what he termed “negative politics”, and said his own voice was sought to be muffled in the previous Parliament session by rival parties “without remorse”.

He urged the Opposition leaders to engage in constructive work on the commencement of the Budget Session on Monday, asserting that Parliament was not for “*dal*” (party) but for “*desh*“ (nation).

Making his customary remarks to the media ahead of the start of the Parliament session, Mr. Modi said that the Union Budget, which will be presented on Tuesday, would set the direction for the next five years, and lay the foundation for fulfilling the dream of *Viksit Bharat* in 2047.

Narendra Modi arrives to address the media at the new Parliament building ahead of the Budget Session on Monday. ANI

The PM said he wanted to tell all MPs that while the parties had been engaged in battle mode in the run-up to the Lok Sabha election since January, the people had given their verdict.

“Now, it is the responsibility of all elected representatives and of all political parties that we have fought for our respective parties, and now, for the next five years, we have to fight for the country and strive for it,” Mr. Modi said.

“I say with a lot of sadness that after 2014, some MPs were elected for five years, some for 10 years, but many MPs did not get a chance to talk about their constituency and share their views in Parliament because of the negative politics of some parties that misused Parliament to hide their political failures,” he said.

“You would have seen that in the first session of this Lok Sabha. An undemocratic attempt was made to scuttle the voice of the government that had been ordered by 140 crore Indians to serve. For two-and-a-half hours, attempts were made to scuttle the voice of the Prime Minister, and such a thing has no place in democratic traditions. They have no remorse over it,” he said.

His remarks were a reference to the vociferous protests and sloganeering by the Opposition, demanding that both MPs from Manipur be allowed to speak, while he was delivered his reply to the debate on the Motion of Thanks on the President. “It is a matter of immense pride for me personally as well as for all of our colleagues that after nearly 60 years, a government has come back for the third time, and has the privilege of presenting the first Budget of a third term. The country is seeing this as a very proud event in the glorious journey of Indian democracy,” he said.

Govt. choked people’s voice for 10 years, says Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In a sharp reaction to Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s allegation that an “undemocratic attempt” was made to scuttle the voice of the government, the Congress hit back, accusing him of suppressing the voice of the country for 10 years and insisted that voters ‘punished’ him in the Lok Sabha polls for it.

Congress leader Pawan Khera in a post on X wrote: “He said the Opposition throttled the voice of the Prime Minister for two-and-a-half hours. It is important to remind Mr. Modi that during his unjust rule of the last 10 years, the entire country was suffocated, for which the public has punished him.” Mr. Khera said it was the Congress’s parliamentary duty to seek answers.

No Special Category Status for Bihar: govt.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union Finance Ministry, in a written reply to Parliament, has ruled out a “special status” for Bihar, quoting the Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) report from 2012.

Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary, replying to JD(U) MP Ramprit Mandal, informed the Lok Sabha on Monday, “The request of Bihar for Special Category Status was considered by an Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG), which submitted its report on March 30, 2012. The IMG came to the conclusion that based on existing National Development Council (NDC) criteria, the case for Special Category Status for Bihar is not made out.”

He said that the Special Category Status for Plan assistance was granted in the past by the National Development Council to some States that were characterised by a number of features necessitating special consideration.

Opposition slams govt. over NEET; Education Minister says no proof of paper leak

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

The first day of the Budget Session saw a face-off between the Opposition and the government in the Lok Sabha over anomalies in the NEET process, with Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Monday asserting that there had been no evidence of paper leak in the past seven years and the government had nothing to hide.

Rahul Gandhi. ANI

The Opposition charge was led by Congress MP and Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi, who said Mr. Pradhan had blamed everyone but himself in the NEET issue and it was obvious to the whole country that there was a very serious problem in the examination system.

The NEET-UG conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA) has run into trouble over paper leak and granting of grace marks to some aspirants.

“There are millions of students who are extremely concerned, and they are convinced that the Indian examination system is fraud. They believe that if you are rich and have money you can buy the examination system,” Mr. Gandhi said. He asked what the Minister was doing to address the systemic problem in the examination system.

Mr. Pradhan responded to this, saying, “Why had the UPA government not framed a law to contain unlawful activities in the competitive examination. The NDA government has passed a law for it.”

Mr. Gandhi later took to social media platform X to say the Minister was far removed from India’s ground reality. “The unfortunate truth is that the Indian examination system is up for sale to the rich, causing millions of students to suffer. The issue is systemic and should be addressed with sincerity, rather than resorting to political spin laden with lies”.

Congress MP Manickam Tagore asked whether the Minister accepted responsibility and would resign for the “paper leaks”.

To this, Mr. Pradhan said he was “here at the mercy of my leader, the Prime Minister” and that his government was collectively answerable.

Samajwadi Party leader Akhilesh Yadav said the government was sure to make a record in paper leaks if not in other things. “The NTA should publish list of centres where high number of students have performed well...how is this possible that students from particular centres have done far better than others,” he said.

The Opposition later walked out of the House.

INBRIEF

Dhankhar asks RS MPs not to leak letters written to him

On the first day of the Budget Session, Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar ticked off the members for making the letters they sent to him public, sometimes even before the letter reached him. He urged the members to avoid such “inappropriate practice” of garnering attention. He exhorted the members to uphold the principles of “dialogue, discussion, deliberation and debate”, and said there is an undeniable need to lower the temperature in the polity.

Opposition raises wrestlers’ issue during Olympics debate

A discussion held in the Lok Sabha on Monday on India’s preparedness for the Paris Olympics set off questions from the Opposition not just on the timing of the debate but also on the harassment allegations levelled by women wrestlers against former BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh. Congress MP Deepender Hooda brought up the wrestlers’ case. Mr. Hooda said a situation should not arise where players have to fight their own government and the system.

Opposition MPs raise Kanwar Yatra order issue in Parliament

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The orders issued by the Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand governments asking food stall owners to display their names on the carts *en route* the Kanwar Yatra was raised by Opposition MPs in Parliament on Monday.

In the Lok Sabha, Congress member Dharamvir Gandhi said the orders by the State governments of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand were a ‘divisive’ step through which the BJP was trying to further its political agenda.

“This is unconstitutional and undemocratic. This is a divisive step and BJP is trying to get its political agenda. I request the government that these orders be rescinded,” Mr. Gandhi said raising the issue during Zero Hour.

Notices rejected

In the Rajya Sabha, Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar rejected notices from Opposition MPs calling for a discussion on the order.

Six members of the Upper House – Congress’s Pramod Tiwari, Aam Aadmi Party’s Sanjay Singh, Trinamool Congress’s Sagarika Ghose and Saket Gokhale, CPI’s Sandosh Kumar and IUML’s Haris Beeran – moved the motion under Rule 267, seeking suspension of the business of the day to take up discussion on the issue.

Mr. Dhankhar said the notices were “neither in conformity to requirements of Rule 267 nor to directions given by the Chair... And so the same are not accepted”.

Later in the day, the Supreme Court prohibited the enforcement of directives issued by the Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand governments requiring food stalls *en route* the Kanwar Yatra to prominently exhibit the names and other identity details of their owners and employees.

Peaceful Brij Mandal Yatra in Nuh showcases Hindu-Muslim unity; residents set up stalls

Ashok Kumar
NUH

As soon as a few cars with saffron flags tied firmly to their front bumpers and wing mirrors appeared on the Gurgaon-Alwar National Highway near Ghasera village in Haryana on Monday, a bunch of Muslim youth hurriedly walked to the middle of the road to flag down the vehicles and offer chilled water bottles and bananas to the devotees, who were part of the Brij Mandal Jalabhishek Yatra. A few other Muslim men donning skull caps, meanwhile, showered rose petals on the cars’ occupants and garlanded them.

A Muslim resident of Ghasera village welcoming a devotee during the Brij Mandal Jalabhishek Yatra in Nuh. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Contrary to the violent clashes between the two communities in July last year during the yatra in Meo Muslim-dominated Nuh that left six people dead, the procession passed off peacefully this time with the local Muslim and Hindu community members setting up joint stalls along its route to welcome the devotees.

Nuh ward no. 5 municipal councillor Wali Mohammed said it was a joint effort of the local Hindus and Muslims of Ghasera to keep their brotherhood intact, adding that it was not done at the behest of the administration. “What happened last year was not done by the Nuh residents and the devotees. It was a conspiracy. Nuh is known for its Hindu-Muslim unity. We wanted to repair the image of this region tarnished by the communal violence last year. So, we decided to offer a grand welcome to the devotees this time,” said Arshad Hussain, Sarpanch, Bainsi village.

Besides the panchayats and social organisations, the Nuh district bar association and Mewat Vikas Manch also set up stalls to welcome the devotees.

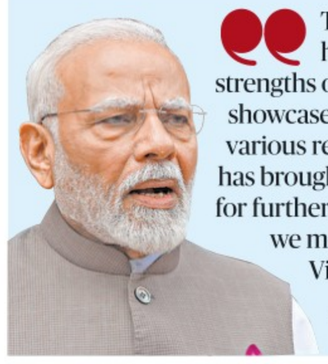
Row over swearing-in of 4 MLAs in West Bengal

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

The Monsoon Session of the West Bengal Assembly began on Monday amid the row over the swearing-in of newly elected MLAs.

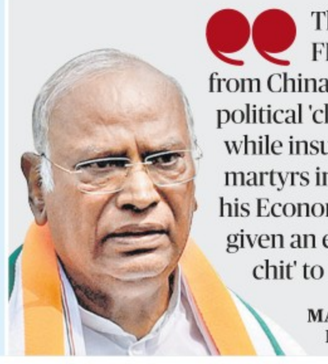
Speaker Biman Banerjee said the four newly elected Trinamool Congress MLAs would take oath on Tuesday. “As per convention and under Article 188 of the Constitution, the four newly elected members will be sworn in by me,” he said.

Ahead of the byelections, two MLAs – Sayanikta Banerjee and Reyat Hossain Sardar – were sworn in by the Speaker on July 5, despite the Governor directing Deputy Speaker Asish Banerjee to do the honours. The Raj Bhavan had informed the two MLAs that they had not been administered oath as per established procedure and so would be fined if they were to attend the proceedings of the Assembly.



The Economic Survey highlights the prevailing strengths of our economy and also showcases the outcomes of the various reforms our government has brought. It also identifies areas for further growth and progress as we move towards building a Viksit Bharat

NARENDRA MODI, Prime Minister



The Survey says FDI should come from China. Modi*ji* gave a political 'clean chit' to China while insulting the 20 martyrs in Galwan. Today his Economic Survey has given an economic 'clean chit' to China

MALLIKARJUN KHARGE, Congress chief

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SITARAM YECHURY, CPI(M) general secretary

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PIYUSH GOYAL, Union Commerce Minister

Survey notes rise in primary healthcare expenditure

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Economic Survey highlights that the National Health Accounts estimates for the financial year 2019-20 show an increase in the share of government health expenditure (GHE) in the GDP and in the total health expenditure.

The Survey says the share of primary healthcare expenditure has increased from 51.3% of the GHE in 2014-15 to 55.9% in 2019-20. The share of primary and secondary care rose from 73.2% to 85.5%. The share of primary and secondary care in private health expenditure has declined from 83% to 73.7%, which the Survey attributes to rising tertiary disease burden and utilisation of government primary healthcare facilities.

It notes an increase in the social security expenditure on health, from 5.7% in 2014-15 to 9.3% in 2019-20. It notes a decline in out-of-pocket expenditure as a percentage of total health expenditure.

Cherry-picked view and fudged data: Opposition

They say document once again shows government is disconnected from reality; Congress flags food inflation and problems facing MSMEs, Left parties say sufferings of people have worsened

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Alleging that the Economic Survey for the financial year 2023-24 tabled in Parliament on Monday presented a "cherry-picked view" of the economy with "fudged" data, the Opposition parties criticised the Union government, saying the document once again showed that the BJP government was disconnected from reality.

Congress general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh said food inflation remained unchecked, at nearly 10%, with prices of specific foods growing at a rapid pace – cereals at 11%, vegetables at 15%, spices at 19% and milk at 7% – affecting the poor and the middle class. He further said that the "unplanned and unjustified" export ban and flood of cheap imports, as the survey pointed out, had a debilitating impact on farmers' incomes. The micro, small and medium enterprises had been forced to shut down because of the rise of imports from China.

Hitting out: Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi speaking in the Lok Sabha on Monday. ANI

Mr. Ramesh said the Survey admitted the failure of the Centre's policymaking with regard to generating private investment. It conceded that "manufacturing sector employment creation has been subdued in the past decade", he added.

'Difficult situation'

"India is in its most precarious and difficult economic situation in many years. The Economic Survey might present a cherry-picked view of the economy, but we hope that tomorrow's Budget faces up to the country's realities," the Congress leader said.

The Left parties slammed the Survey, saying it presented only a partial picture. CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury called it a "mega exercise in data fudging, obfuscating the truth". "Neither our economic fundamentals nor tackling people's woes like price rise, unemployment, hunger and poverty have shown any improvement. On the contrary it worsened," he said in a post on the social media platform X.

CPI general secretary D. Raja said the Survey had again shown that the BJP government was disconnected from reality. "Macro-level projections from the Economic Survey do not correspond to the ground. Feigning ignorance and citing lack of data on all important indicators, while singing praises of their rule, is the way of hoodwinking people," Mr. Raja's post said.

Survey stresses syncing skilling with learning to boost job prospects

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

V. Anantha Nageswaran

The Economic Survey released on Monday stresses that implementing the New Education Policy to achieve learning outcomes and syncing that with skilling outcomes will boost the job prospects of India's youth. V. Anantha Nageswaran, the Chief Economic Adviser, said at the press meet marking the release of the Survey that only 51% of India's graduates were employable. The Survey notes that the median age of India's workforce is 28 and syncing learning outcomes with skilling outcomes is the best way to leverage that.

"The education sector is bustling with across-the-board transformation led by the NEP 2020, which is expected to yield Foundational Literacy And Numeracy for every child passing the third standard in the near future. That said, improving learning outcomes and undoing the COVID-induced learning loss is more urgent than ever," the Survey says. It notes that skilling is falsely taken as applying to dropouts and those who did not perform well in academics, but that perception needs to change to boost employability.

The Survey has flagged a concern that various reports have been highlighting the gap between class standard and learning level, which has widened since COVID. For instance, in comparison with the National Achievement Survey (NAS), 2017, student performance underwent a significant drop in NAS, 2021. Class 10 scores decreased by 13.4% in mathematics, 18.6% in science, and 9.1% in social science, while Class 3 scores decreased by 3.9% in language, 4.7% in mathematics, and 4.4% in environmental studies.

Regarding expenditure on education, the Survey notes that in the financial year 2023-24, the total expenditure was ₹60,000 crore lower than Budget estimates. Rural development and education expenditures took the brunt. Overall, it says, the total Central expenditure has been hovering at 2.8% of the GDP over the years and last year saw a slight dip.

The survey says as of July 2024, 2,037 higher education institutions have onboarded the Academic Bank of Credits and 30.13 crore APAAR (Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry, an identification system for all students in India) IDs have been created for higher and school education and skill institutes. The ABC seeks to boost mobility across institutions.

'Mental health a key driver of individual, national development'

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

Survey notes that mental disorders are associated with significant productivity losses

Acknowledging mental health as a principally impactful driver of individual and national development, the Economic Survey, for the first time, extensively highlights its significance and implications on policy recommendations.

The Survey mentions that at an aggregate economic level, mental health disorders are associated with significant productivity losses due to absenteeism, decreased productivity, disability, increased healthcare costs, and so on. There is also evidence of poverty exacerbating the risk of mental health due to stressful living conditions, financial instability, and lack of opportunities for upward mobility, which contribute to heightened psychological distress, it adds.

Alarmingly, the Survey states that according to the National Mental Health Survey (NMHS) 2015-16, 10.6% of adults in India suffer from mental disorders, while the treatment gap ranges between 70% and 92% for different disorders. Further, the prevalence of mental morbidity is higher in urban metropolitan regions (13.5%) than in rural areas (6.9%) and urban non-metro areas (4.3%).

Citing a study of mental health and well-being of school students by the National Council of Educational Research and Training, the Survey highlights an increasing prevalence of poor mental health among adolescents exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. During the study, 11% of students reported feeling anxious, 14% extreme emotion, and 43% mood swings.

Recognising mental health as a fundamental aspect of overall well-being, the Survey recommends proper implementation of healthcare programmes to accelerate improvements made in mental healthcare on the ground, and addressing gaps in existing programmes to maximise their effectiveness.

It lists out key initiatives and policies taken by the government, including the National Mental Health Programme, the National Tele Mental Health Programme, increasing the number of mental health personnel, the Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram's adolescent-friendly health clinics and peer education programmes.

The initiatives include efforts to raise the number of psychiatrists from 0.75 per lakh population in 2021 to the World Health Organization norm of three per lakh population.

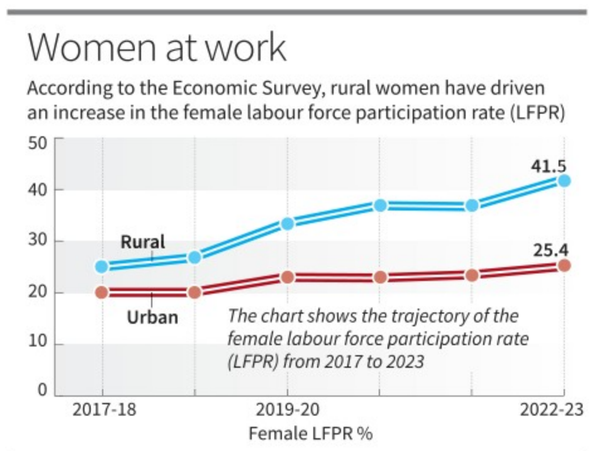
The Survey notes that the government is working on standardising guidelines for mental health services across the government and private sectors, and bringing effective pathways for integrating mental health interventions in schools, including developing an age appropriate mental health curriculum , encouraging early intervention and positive language in schools, promoting community-level interactions, and balancing the role of technology.

'India has shifted to women-led development; female labour force participation rate rising'

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

Observing that India is transitioning from women's development to women-led development, Chief Economic Adviser V. Anantha Nageswaran on Monday said there had been a 218.8% increase in budgetary allocation for schemes for the welfare and empowerment of women even as he acknowledged that women in India faced the "motherhood penalty" with a drop in female labour force participation rate around childbearing years.

"The share of the Gender Budget in the total Union Budget has increased to 6.5% in financial year 2025, the highest since the introduction of Gender Budgeting Scheme in financial year 2006," he said in the Economic Survey, which was tabled in Parliament. This shows that India is shifting from women's development to women-led development. He also underscored the government's commitment towards ensuring employment opportunities for women in various fields.



The Survey said that skilling schemes had put a dedicated emphasis on covering women, and the number of women trained under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) had increased from 42.7% in the financial year 2015-16 to 52.3% in the financial year 2023-24. Under the Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) scheme, women constituted about 82% of the total beneficiaries and in institutes such as the ITIs and the National Skill Training Institutes, the participation of women had gone up from 9.8% to 13.3% during the period.

With rural India propelling the trend, the survey observed that the female labour force participation rate (LFPR) rose to 37% in 2022-23 from 23.3% in 2017-18. The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana had facilitated the opening of 52.3 crore bank accounts, of which 55.6% account holders were women, as of May 2024.

Delving into the crucial aspect of care economy, the Survey estimated that direct public investment equivalent to 2% of the GDP had the potential to generate 11 million jobs in the sector, nearly 70% of which would go to women. It flagged models of Australia, Argentina, Brazil, and the U.S. in this sector.

"The economic value of developing a care sector is two-fold – increasing female labour force participation rate (FLFPR) and promoting a promising sector for output and job creation. According to International Labour Organisation (2018), the care sector is one of the fastest-growing sectors globally, and investments in the care services sector are estimated to generate 475 million jobs globally by 2030," it said.

Narrative has changed, says Survey on defence exports

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

Between 2015 and 2019, India held the distinction of being the world's second-largest arms importer, but the narrative has changed, the Economic Survey says while noting that the country's defence production grew substantially from ₹74,054 crore in the financial year 2016-17 to ₹1,08,684 crore in 2022-23, boosting defence exports.

"India has transitioned from an arms importer and found a place in the list of the top 25 arms exporter nations," the Survey says. "The defence industry, including the private sector and Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs), has made tremendous efforts to achieve the highest-ever defence exports."

"From 1,414 export authorisations in FY23, the number has increased to 1,507 in FY24."

Nearly 100 domestic companies are exporting a wide range of defence products and equipment including aircraft such as Dornier-228, artillery guns, BrahMos missiles, Pinaka rockets and launchers, radars, simulators, and armoured vehicles, it noted. Export procedures have been simplified and made industry-friendly, with end-to-end online export authorisation curtailing delays and facilitating ease of doing business. "Further, the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiatives have helped the country by encouraging indigenous design, development and manufacture of defence equipment, reducing dependency on imports in the long run," it added.

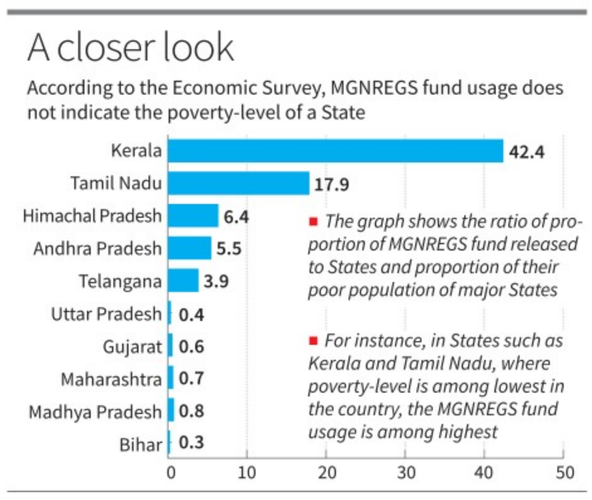
'MGNREGS job demand no indicator of distress'

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

Laying the groundwork for revisiting the Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme as a poverty alleviation tool, Chief Economic Adviser V. Anantha Nageswaran on Monday noted in the Economic Survey that demand under the scheme was not a "real indicator" of rural distress.

While there is a marked variation in the performance of the scheme across States, he said that none of the studies conducted so far had come up with a satisfactory explanation on the unevenness in outcomes.

While Tamil Nadu has less than 1% of the poor population in the country, it accounted for nearly 15% of all the MGNREGS funds released in the financial year 2023-24. Kerala, with only 0.1% of the poor population, used almost 4% of the total funds allocated.


A closer look
According to the Economic Survey, MGNREGS fund usage does not indicate the poverty-level of a State
Kerala 42.4
Tamil Nadu 17.9
Himachal Pradesh 6.4
Andhra Pradesh 5.5
Telangana 3.9
Uttar Pradesh 0.4
Gujarat 0.6
Maharashtra 0.7
Madhya Pradesh 0.8
Bihar 0.3
The graph shows the ratio of proportion of MGNREGS fund released to States and proportion of their poor population of major States
For instance, in States such as Kerala and Tamil Nadu, where poverty-level is among lowest in the country, the MGNREGS fund usage is among highest
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Together, they generated 51 crore person-days of employment. In contrast, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, with about 45% of the poor population, accounted for only 17% of the MGNREGS funds and generated 53 crore person-days.

The correlation coefficient, as per the survey, between State-wise multidimensional poverty index and person-days generated was only 0.3, indicating that the MGNREGS fund usage and employment generation were not proportional to poverty levels. (A coefficient of 1 would indicate that the poorer a State, greater the number of person-days it would generate, while a coefficient of 0 would indicate no relationship between poverty and person-days.)

In this context, the Survey concludes that "demand under MGNREGS is not a real indicator of rural distress but is rather predominantly linked with the State's institutional capacity and to some extent also different minimum wages and other considerations".

At the same time, it concedes that the variation in fund usage can be attributed to the varying MGNREGS wage rates in each State. States such as Haryana, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka have relatively high notified wage rates under the MGNREGS.

The difference in registering the demand for the scheme is heavily dependent on the efficiency of State administration. This is reflected in the fact that despite provisions mandating States to grant unemployment allowance, only ₹90,000 was released in FY24 and ₹7.8 lakh in FY23 across all States.

INBRIEF

Terrorist killed, two injured in Rajouri encounter, says Army

One terrorist was killed and a civilian and a soldier were injured in a militant attack on the house of a member of a village defence committee in Rajouri district in the Jammu region on Monday, the Army said. "Terrorists attacked the house in the Gunda area of Rajouri at 03:10 a.m. A nearby Army column reacted and a firefight ensued," an Army spokesman said. One civilian, identified as Vijay Kumar, a relative of Parshotam Kumar Sharma, a Shaurya Chakra winner, was injured in the firing of militants. "The attack was thwarted successfully," officials said, adding that the encounter was still under way and a group of militants were believed to be trapped at the encounter site.

Swamy, Sonia, Rahul told to file note in *National Herald* case

The Delhi High Court asked BJP leader Subramanian Swamy and Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi to file a short note on the submissions in the *National Herald* case. The court directed them to file the written note on the arguments within four weeks, and said that thereafter, the submissions would be accepted with costs of ₹15,000. The matter was listed for arguments on October 29. The court was hearing a plea moved by Mr. Swamy seeking to lead evidence before the trial court in the case. PTI

Slow progress on railway safety: Economic Survey

Kavach system deployed in just 2.14% of India's rail track coverage; capex deployment increased by 77% over past five years; electronic interlocking systems in 46% stations, the document says

Maitri Porecha
NEW DELHI

Safety signal: A locomotive with Kavach that applies the brakes automatically in case of a collision threat. NAGARA GOPAL

Safety issues are a concern after a spate of railway accidents, but the Economic Survey, 2023-24, released on Monday, indicates limited progress on safety-related works such as deployment of the automatic train protection system Kavach and overhaul of signalling systems at all stations.

Kavach has been deployed on 1,465 route km in South Central Railway, the Survey says. This is just 2.14% of the total railway network of 68,426 route km and 7,349 railway stations.

So far, of the 17 operational railway zones in India, eight have become free from mechanical signalling, the Survey says.

Capex deployment

The Survey also states that the capital expenditure deployment in the Railways has increased by 77% over the past five years, to ₹2.62 lakh crore in 2023-24 with significant investments in construction of new lines, gauge conversion and doubling.

However, till 2022-23, 2,981 railway stations had made the switch from mechanical signalling to electronic interlocking system. This comes to only 40% of India's 7,325 railway stations.

The Survey points out that in 2023-24, 443 additional stations made the switch, with 46% of the stations now having electronic interlocking system.

The system was introduced in India 12 years ago. "Until March 31, 2024, EI has been provided at 3,424 stations," the Survey says.

Yet another signalling intervention, automatic block signalling, is a system that controls the movement of trains between the blocks using automatic signals, which helps trains operating in one direction move safely without any risk of collision from the rear.

The Survey says this proven low-cost signalling solution has been provided on 582 route km during 2023-24. Until March 31, since the time it was commissioned, the system has been commissioned on 4,431 route km on high-density network routes. This comes to a 6.47% coverage across the length of Indian Railways.

'Proposed EU Carbon Border Adjustment Tax is protectionist'

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

India is among the top eight countries that will be adversely affected by the CBAM, say reports. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Echoing the Centre's concerns on "protectionism", the Economic Survey has noted that the forthcoming Carbon Border Adjustment Tax (CBAT) mooted by the European Union "went against the spirit of the Paris Agreement".

The Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), as it is called, are tariffs that will apply on energy-intensive goods imported into the European Union.

This is to ensure that local manufacturers of iron, steel and aluminium, which consume enormous fossil fuel, are not at a competitive disadvantage from similar goods produced in developing countries whose industries have more permissive fossil fuel emission norms.

"India not only has to deal with climate change and undertake energy transition but also deal with the protectionism of the developed countries. Europe is on course to implement its Carbon Border Adjustment Tax and both the United Kingdom and the United States are in different stages of imposing their versions of it in due course. These taxes are in contravention to the spirit of the Paris Agreement that recognised 'Common but Differentiated Responsibilities'," the Survey says.

The CBAM is expected to come into force on January 1, 2026. India is among the top eight countries that will be adversely affected by CBAM, as per the Global Trade Research Initiative report. In 2022, 27% of India's exports of iron, steel and aluminium products worth $8.2 billion went to the EU.

It is estimated that a few of its core sectors, such as steel, will be "greatly affected" by CBAM.

Allowing public servants to join RSS signals thaw between BJP, mothership

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

A July 9 office memorandum of the Union government lifting a 58-year-old ban on public servants from joining the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) appears to be a strong indication that the organisation and the Bharatiya Janata Party seem ready for a rapprochement after difficulties in their relationship in the recent past.

While the Opposition said the move was indicative of the BJP trying to create an "ideologically committed bureaucracy", the RSS, the ideological mothership of the government, praised it.

"The present decision of the government is appropriate and strengthens the democratic system of India," RSS spokesperson Sunil Ambekar said. "Due to its political interests, the then government had baselessly banned government employees from participating in the activities of a constructive organisation like the Sangh," he added.

Sunil Ambekar

The internal message within the Sangh Parivar is that this was one way for the Modi government and the BJP to indicate that certain difficulties that arose between the BJP and the RSS were to be resolved.

"...mediation by a senior Sangh person, who had earlier held the post of coordination between the two, and is now also a member of the RSS executive committee, had ameliorated the situation," a senior RSS office-bearer said.

The RSS, during the Lok Sabha election, expressed its dissatisfaction over the inclusion of the Nationalist Congress Party Ajit Pawar faction in the Mahayuti alliance in Maharashtra.

BJP president J.P. Nadda had in an interview said the BJP had needed the RSS in the past as it did not have the organisational wherewithal but was now able to handle elections by itself. After the results, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's speech on arrogance and on the continuing violence in Manipur were important pointers to this uneasy relationship.

Several pleas in courts have raised ban on RSS membership of govt. staff

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

A compendium of instructions, part of a set of Rules, which governs the conduct of civil servants across the country is yet to reflect the changes brought in by a July 9 office memorandum that lifted the ban on government officials from associating with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and its activities.

The All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968, available on the website of the Union Home Ministry, under the head "miscellaneous executive instructions", mention "ban on participation in certain organisations like R.S.S., Jamat-e-Islami, Anand Marg and CPM(L) etc".

On July 9, through an office memorandum, the Department of Personnel and Training, referring to earlier memoranda issued on November 30, 1966, July 25, 1970, and October 28, 1980, stated that instructions were reviewed and it was decided to remove the mention of "Rashtriya Swayam Sewak Sangh (R.S.S.S.)".

> By lifting the ban on employees from participating in RSS activities, Modi wants to politicise government offices and employees
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> **MALLIKARJUN KHARGE**
> Congress president

A series of petitions have been filed in courts across the country on the issue.

Court stay

On January 9, the Himachal Pradesh High Court stayed the transfer of Suresh Jaswal, senior manager, Himachal Pradesh Cooperative Bank, who was transferred prematurely on the ground that he is an "active member of RSS".

In 2017, the Jabalpur Bench of the Madhya Pradesh High Court had dismissed a public interest litigation petition filed by the Democratic Lawyers Forum saying State government officials met RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat at a guest house in Jabalpur ahead of the civic body elections in January 2015.

The court, while hearing the petition, had issued notice to the respondents including the Department of Personnel and Training.

The petitioner in the case sought to know the guidelines with regard to gazetted or non-gazetted government officials participating in events with office-bearers of the RSS or any political party during an election. Rule 5 says, "No member of the Service shall be a member of, or be otherwise associated with, any political party or any organisation which takes part in politics, nor shall he take part in, or subscribe in aid of, or assist in any other manner, any political movement or political activity."

Slamming the move, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said in a post on X, "Modiji has lifted a 1966 ban on Government Servants attending RSS activities, after 58 years. We know how BJP is using RSS to institutionally take over all Constitutional & autonomous bodies. By lifting the ban on government employees from participating in RSS activities, Modi ji wants to politicise government offices and employees on ideological basis."

Sailor missing after fire in naval frigate in dockyard

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A naval frigate, *INS Brahmaputra*, has been left "listing on its port side" after a fire broke out while it was undergoing a refit at the naval dockyard in Mumbai on Sunday. The ship is lying on its side, and a junior sailor is missing.

The fire has been brought under control and a search is in progress for the sailor. "Subsequently, in the afternoon, the ship experienced severe listing to one side (port side). Despite all efforts, it could not be brought to the upright position. The ship continued to list further alongside her berth and is presently resting on one side," the Navy said.

The Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi, apprised Defence Minister Rajnath Singh of the damage caused, Mr. Singh's office said on X.

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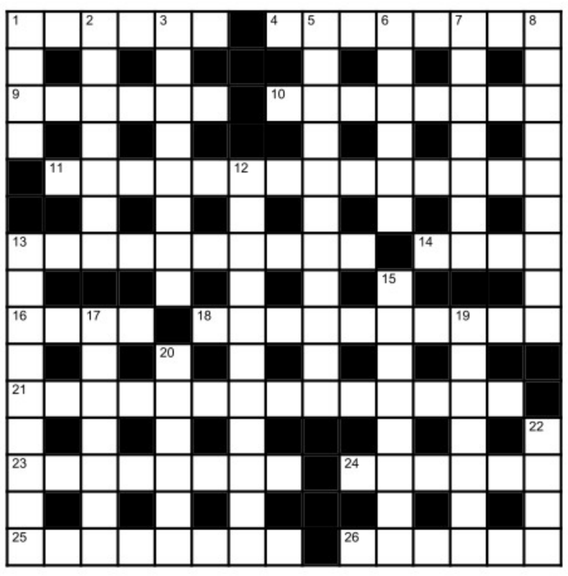

Across

1 Entertainers in company with Karaoke accessories (6)
4 Like hot brown girl on a yoga course (8)
9 One taking interest in setting benchmark? Not essentially (6)
10 Characters in print and embossing are together (2,6)
11 Knew bear can make fresh trail (5,3,6)
13 Prank involving pet is funny and clean (10)
14 Go around strikes (4)
16 Steps leading down in Ganges had a temple originally (4)
18 Implied by mistake - sure, not odd! (10)
21 Like award inspiring mostly ailing scientist (14)
23 Accepted timeless custom to welcome friend in an Emirate (3,5)
24 Shrug in dance (6)
25 Abandoned old dear with nothing in place of great wealth (2,6)
26 Current issue (6)

Down

1 Copper's to remain solid (4)
2 Shelter animals raised inside tower (7)
3 Gap behind say, Spooner leading in church (8)
5 Lyricists are bad viewers, per Spooner (11)
6 Spin around each beverage holder (3,3)
7 Working out with Bond? Certainly! (2,5)
8 Criminal had me confined in a dreadful place (9)
12 Check Biden getting confused with Putin and Harris, initially (3,2,3,3)
13 Government dividing city's tax revenue ultimately to annoy (9)
15 Push toy roughly around little child to intimidate (5,3)
17 Bowl over areas to understand limits (7)
19 Crude mobs essentially perceived as noisy (7)
20 Royal abandons sibling in trouble (6)
22 Despicable creature of either gender (4)

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Real purpose of avatara

Lord Narayana came as Rama because He wanted to mingle freely with everyone, said V.S. Karunakaracharier in a discourse. But doesn't Valmiki himself talk of Ravana samhara as the purpose of the avatara? Valmiki's account was just a record of events. Suppose an official in Delhi wants to take a couple of days off to attend a wedding in Kancheepuram. His superiors refuse to give him leave. He then discovers that he has to meet some official in Kancheepuram. He uses this as an excuse to go to Kanchi. After attending the meeting in Kanchi, he also manages to attend the wedding. The official records in Delhi will say that he was in Kanchi on such and such a date, because of an official meeting. His being at the wedding is not going to be in the official records.

Likewise, Rama's slaying of Ravana is the official record. The purpose of the avatara is not stated. Nammazhvar describes Rama as a pond in which asuras fell and died. A pond does not drag people and drown them. Likewise, the Lord did not have to come and fight Ravana. He happened to be here as Rama, and Ravana was killed because he abducted Sita. Had He not come as Rama, would He have been able to embrace Guha as a friend? He accepted the fruits that Sabari gave Him. His simplicity gladdened her heart.

INBRIEF

IOB Q1 net rises 27% to ₹633 cr. on improvement in income

Indian Overseas Bank's (IOB) standalone net profit for the June quarter rose 27% to ₹633 crore from the year-earlier period on improvement in asset quality, and interest and non-interest income. Interest income rose to ₹6,535 crore from ₹5,424 crore, while net interest income increased 5% to ₹2,441 crore. Slippages reduced by 48% to ₹277 crore. Total recovery was ₹582 crore. IOB aims to recover about ₹5,500 crore in FY25 against ₹4,700 crore recovered in FY24.

Rane Brake Lining standalone Q1 net surges 71% to ₹9 crore

Rane Brake Lining Ltd. (RBL) reported a 71% increase in standalone net profit for the quarter ended June from the year-earlier period to ₹9 crore due to strong growth driven by demand from the two-wheeler and passenger vehicle segments. Revenue from operations rose 5% to ₹160 crore, the company said in a statement. Sales to original equipment customer grew 8%. Sales to aftermarket customers declined 4%. Export sales grew 29%, RBL said.

Wendt India Q1 net falls 14% on declining sales volume

Wendt India Ltd.'s (WIL) standalone Q1 net profit contracted 14% from the year-earlier period to ₹7 crore on declining sales volume. Revenue from operations slid to ₹44 crore from ₹46 crore, the Murugappa group firm said in a regulatory filing. Wendt India also announced the appointment of Bhagya Chandra Rao as Chairman from July 24, following the retirement of Shrinivas G. Shirgurkar, after the completion of his second term as independent director on July 23.

'India may gain from Chinese FDI'

CEA highlights India's vulnerability to 'potential abrupt supply disruptions in input imports' from China as it seeks to boost its role in global supply chain; moots opening up to select investment from its neighbour that would bring tech know-how

Saptaparno Ghosh
NEW DELHI

Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) V. Anantha Nageswaran has mooted that India may gain more by "replacing some well-chosen imports with investments from China" helping boost Indian manufacturing and plugging India into the global supply chain as it looks to benefit from advanced economies' push to diversify past China via a 'China plus one 'sourcing approach.

Writing in a chapter on the 'Medium Term Outlook: A growth strategy for New India' in the Economic Survey tabled in Parliament on Monday, the CEA appeared to tacitly endorse an industry plea to review restrictions on investment flows from China that had been announced by the Centre in 2020, ostensibly to protect Indian firms from opportunistic takeovers in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chinese checkers: Despite outpacing China's growth rate, India's economy is only a fraction of China's, Mr. Nageswaran said. AFP

Observing that the "dynamics of India-China economic relations continue to be extremely complex and intertwined" and that despite outpacing China's growth rate, India's economy was only "a fraction of China's", Mr. Nageswaran said India's policy choices on economic ties with China offered no easy options.

'Chinese conundrum'

The CEA held that for India to benefit from the world's China plus one strategy, it could consider either integrating into China's supply chain or promote FDI from its neighbour. He argued that FDI from China appeared more advantageous than relying on imports in light of the widening bilateral trade deficit.

"Replacing some well-chosen imports with investments from China raises the prospect of creating domestic know-how down the road. It may have other risks, but as with many other matters, we don't live in a first-best world. We have to choose between second and third-best choices," Mr. Nageswaran asserted.

'Financial sector must brace for global vulnerabilities'

Lalatendu Mishra
NEW DELHI

While India's banking and financial sectors performed well in FY24 and as they undergo transformations, they must brace themselves for global and local vulnerabilities, the Finance Ministry cautioned in its latest Economic Survey for FY24.

As per the survey tabled in Parliament on Monday the government and regulators must be agile and intervene with policy and regulatory levers to deal with any eventuality.

The financial sector "is at a turnpike moment. The dominance of banking support to credit is being reduced, and the role of capital markets is rising. For a country that aspires to be a developed nation by 2047, this is a long-awaited and welcome development. Being reliant on and exposed to the capital market, however, comes with its challenges and trade-offs," it mentioned.

In FY24 bank credit witnessed double digit and broad-based growth and asset quality improved dramatically with gross and net non-performing assets of banks seen at multi-year lows, the Survey added.

"The share of insurance and pension fund assets in GDP stands at 19% and 5% respectively, in India, compared with 52% and 122% in the USA... leaning scope for further improvements," it mentioned.

The next big 'disruption,' in the financial sector could be artificial intelligence and machine learning, the Survey stated.

CCI said to send 100 antitrust queries for RIL's Disney merger

Reuters
NEW DELHI

India's antitrust body has asked Reliance Industries and Walt Disney about 100 questions linked to their $8.5 billion India media assets merger, including details on sports rights as it heightens scrutiny of the deal, sources told Reuters.

Antitrust experts had warned the deal, announced in February, could face intense scrutiny as it will create India's biggest entertainment player with 120 TV channels and two streaming services.

The companies will also together own lucrative rights for cricket, India's most popular sport.

In a confidential submission to the Competition Commission of India (CCI) in May, the firms said the merger would not hurt competition and argued cricket rights would expire in 2027 and 2028 and allow bidding by rivals. Advertisers can target cricket-watching consumers on many rival platforms, including YouTube, Reuters reported in May. Jefferies estimates Disney-Reliance will command 40% of the advertising market share in TV and streaming.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	80,502	-0.13
US Dollar	83.66	0.04
Gold	75,650	0.00
Brent oil	82.23	—

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3000.85	-4.85
Adani Ports	1467.35	-1.95
Apollo Hosp	6402.15	20.20
Asian Paints	2934.30	-11.75
Axis Bank	1282.50	-9.85
Bajaj Auto	9409.70	23.65
Bajaj Finserv	1631.15	-9.10
Bajaj Finance	6884.25	-48.05
Bharti Airtel	1465.40	3.65
BPCL	308.25	4.45
Britannia Ind	5887.85	9.90
Cipla	1490.00	4.50
Coal India	491.20	3.20
Divis Lab	4534.80	15.00
Dr Reddys Lab	6770.90	134.90
Eicher Motors	4857.35	6.65
Grasim Ind	2811.55	68.55
HCL Tech	1577.10	-17.45
HDFC Bank	1642.55	35.25
HDFC Life	637.40	1.50
Hero MotoCorp	5463.15	35.45
Hindalco	672.30	9.30
Hind Unilever	2735.30	8.30
ICICI Bank	1241.15	-7.50
IndusInd Bank	1423.40	-9.05
Infosys	1810.85	17.90
ITC	466.55	-8.00
JSW Steel	888.55	-0.90
Kotak Bank	1757.55	-64.05
L&T	3651.45	32.95
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5718.35	-44.40
M&M	2804.75	55.45
Maruti Suzuki	12641.25	116.95
NestleIndia	2587.30	-10.55
NTPC	373.50	8.85
ONGC	320.80	1.15
PowerGrid Corp	338.60	6.40
Reliance Ind	3001.35	-108.95
SBI Life	1621.15	-26.55
State Bank	876.80	-12.55
Shriram Finance Ltd.	2827.40	16.55
Sun Pharma	1587.35	18.70
TataConsumerProduct	1204.80	16.80
Tata Motors	1003.15	13.15
Tata Steel	160.32	2.55
TCS	4287.35	-15.05
Tech Mahindra	1495.55	4.15
Titan	3254.45	-4.55
UltraTech Cement	11515.70	257.40
Wipro	505.80	-51.40

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 22

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.46	83.78
Euro	90.84	91.20
British Pound	107.96	108.38
Japanese Yen (100)	53.23	53.43
Chinese Yuan	11.47	11.52
Swiss Franc	94.01	94.38
Singapore Dollar	62.05	62.30
Canadian Dollar	60.70	60.94
Malaysian Ringitt	17.82	17.90
Australian Dollar	55.60	55.81

Source:Indian Bank

Consider keeping food prices out of inflation target: CEA

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The short-term outlook for India's inflation trajectory is benign and the pace of price rise is likely to align with the 4% target by 2025-26, Chief Economic Adviser V. Anantha Nageshwaran wrote in the Economic Survey, even as he suggested adopting an inflation targeting framework that keeps volatile food prices out of the equation.

"Higher food prices are, more often, not demand-induced but supply-induced. Short-run monetary... tools are meant to counteract price pressures arising out of excess aggregate demand growth. Deploying them to deal with inflation caused by supply constraints may be counterproductive." he said.

"Therefore, it is worth exploring whether... inflation targeting framework should target the inflation rate excluding food. Hardships caused by higher food prices for poor and low-income consumers can be handled through direct benefit transfers or coupons for specified purchases valid for appropriate durations."

The CEA also flagged the need for high frequency price data of essential food items to enable monitoring of prices, adding a producer price index for goods and services can help get a "greater grasp of episodes of cost-push inflation".

Don't forget employment responsibility over AI fascination: CEA to businesses

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Economic Survey, placed in Parliament on Monday, mentioned the impact of automation on workers as "complex and uncertain", and suggested India invest in research to "steer the AI bandwagon towards shared prosperity". The Survey's lead author, India's Chief Economic Adviser V. Anantha Nageswaran also emphasized that businesses have an obligation to strike a balance between deployment of capital and labour.

'Lack data on labour'

Mr. Nageswaran pointed to the lack of availability of timely data on absolute number of (formal and informal) jobs created in various sectors that precludes an objective analysis of the labour market. Countering the charges that unemployment is a structural issue he said that the present situation is due to multiple factors like the COVID-19 pandemic, adding that it is difficult to conclude that the Indian economy's ability to create employment is structurally impaired. "Nonetheless, going forward, the task is cut out," he added.

The CEA said India is uniquely situated as AI poses both risks and opportunities. "Widespread adoption of AI across the services sector can significantly reshape and even replace jobs," he said.

As jobs are created in the private sector, the CEA noted that India's corporate sector never had it so good, with profitability at a 15-year high in 2023-24. "Profits had quadrupled between financial year 2019-20 to 2023-23," he said and warned that privileging capital over labour is inimical to long-term growth prospects, adding that in their fascination for AI and fear of erosion of competitiveness, businesses must bear in mind their responsibility to themselves to generate employment and its consequent impact on social stability.

The Survey stated India's workforce was about 56.5 crore, of which more than 45% are in agriculture, 11.4% in manufacturing, 28.9% in services, and 13% in construction.

'Need non-farm jobs'

The CEA also estimated the Indian economy must generate almost 78.51 lakh jobs annually in the non-farm sector to cater to the rising workforce. "However, to create these many jobs, there is a need to create the conditions for faster growth of productive jobs outside of agriculture, especially in organised manufacturing and services, even while improving productivity in agriculture," Mr. Nageswaran added.

'Formalisation, credit key MSME challenges'

The Hindu Bureau
COIMBATORE

Micro, Small and Medium-scale Enterprises (MSMEs) face challenges, including issues with formalisation and inclusion, access to finance, markets, technology and digitalisation, infrastructural bottlenecks, and skilling, the Economic Survey showed.

As per the information available from the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the share of MSMEs in all-India manufacturing output in FY22 was 35.4%.

Data dissemination portal of the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS) states the share of exports of MSME-specified products in all-India exports in FY24 was 45.7%.

However, an area where policy intentions are yet to manifest in desired outcomes is with respect to the small, medium, and large enterprises, according to the Survey.

The Finance Ministry acknowledged the challenges faced in formalising the MSME sector in the Survey. It sought India's financial sector to support capital formation and promote trade, business and investments in MSMEs.

Allow farmers to benefit from higher global prices, says CEA

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Farmers should be allowed to benefit from higher international prices and food export bans should be used under exceptional circumstances, Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) V. Anantha Nageswaran said in the Economic Survey.

Mr. Nageswaran also advised the Centre to allow substitution effects to play out before responding to domestic supply concerns. "For example, if sugar prices rise, consumers can consume less of it or switch to jaggery. It may even be a good thing for their health," he said. He said it was far easier for consumers to substitute or pare back consumption than for farmers to endure big losses because of ad hoc export bans or huge imports.

The Survey maintained that the performance of the agriculture sector remains critical for the economy's growth and has been growing at an average growth rate of 4.18% over the last five years.

"The Indian agriculture sector provides livelihood support to about 42.3% of the population and has a share of 18.2% in the country's GDP at current prices," the Survey found. However, the CEA said that as per provisional estimates for 2023-24, the growth rate of the agriculture sector stood at 1.4%. In 2022-23, it was 4.7%.

The CEA said delayed food production due to poor monsoons caused by El Nino was the reason for the drop.

The CEA noted the growing significance of allied sectors such as animal husbandry, dairying, and fisheries in enhancing farmers' income.

'Shipbuilding aid: 18 shipyards benefitted'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A total of 39 shipyards have registered, and 18 shipyards utilised the benefits under the shipbuilding financial assistance policy scheme unveiled to offer financial support to Indian shipyards for contracts signed between April 1, 2016 and March 31, 2026, as per Economic Survey.

"India's Maritime Vision 2030 outlines over 150 initiatives to improve ports, shipping, and inland waterways and envisions investments of ₹3-3.5 lakh crore. The Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047 outlines over 300 initiatives across 11 key areas to drive growth and development in India's coastal regions," as per the Survey.

"It aims to reduce average vessel turnaround time (containers) from 25 hours in 2020 to less than 20 hours in 2030. Likewise, it also aims to increase the average ship daily output (gross tonnage) from 16,000 in 2020 to more than 30,000 in 2030."

'Need to strengthen Indian airlines for international travel'

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Indian airlines need to be strengthened in order to ensure long-haul international air connectivity, according to the Economic Survey 2024.

The emphasis on supporting Indian carriers, the survey said, was required to plug the leak caused by a large proportion of Indian long-haul international traffic travelling through connectivity hubs in West Asia and Southeast Asia.

'Govt. reluctant'

In the recent past, the government has been reluctant to grant requests from various jurisdictions, including Dubai, for allowing them rights to operate more flights into India.

At the same time, Air India has strengthened its flight capacity to the U.S. and Europe as well as placed an order for 470 aircraft, including 70 widebody planes capable of flying non-stop on long-haul international routes. IndiGo also announced foray into widebodies with a firm order of 30 A350 planes.

On expanding airport capacity, the Economic Survey noted that while the number of airports in India had doubled since 2014 from 70 to more than 140, there was a need to further "augment this capacity by adding more airports as well as expansion/upgradation of existing airports in the next five years" because of a large untapped market.

The Survey also called for the need for "improving the efficiency and viability of airlines" in the backdrop of Go First and Jet Airways entering insolvency in the past five years.

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan police raid former PM Imran Khan's party headquarters

AFP

The Pakistan police raided the headquarters of jailed former Prime Minister Imran Khan's party on Monday, a week after the military-backed government vowed to ban the political movement. The headquarters of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf was sealed off by officers, who led a number of party workers into waiting vans. AFP

KAMPALA

Uganda police besiege Opposition leader Bobi Wine's party office

REUTERS

Opposition leader Bobi Wine said heavily armed security forces were surrounding the headquarters of his National Unity Platform (NUP) party in Kavule on Monday and had arrested several leaders, on the eve of a planned anti-corruption march that has been banned by the authorities. AFP

ZAGREB

In Croatia, assailant kills 5 people and wounds several at a care home

AP

An armed assailant entered a care home for older people in central Croatia Monday and opened fire, killing five people and wounding several others, authorities said. The suspect fled the scene, but the police soon caught him in a cafe near the facility in the town of Daruvar, a media report said. AP

MEXICO CITY

Hundreds of migrants head to U.S. border over Trump's closure fears

AP

Hundreds of migrants left Mexico's southern border on foot on Sunday, as they attempt to make it to the U.S. border. Migrants said they hoped to make it to the border before polls are held in November because they fear if Donald Trump wins, he will follow through on a promise to close the border to asylum-seekers. AP

Harris hails Joe Biden's 'unmatched' legacy as party endorsements pile up

U.S. Vice-President makes her first public appearance since Biden's exit from the presidential race; a flood of Democrats, including Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer and former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, support Harris' nomination

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

U.S. Vice-President Kamala Harris hailed Joe Biden's "unmatched" legacy on Monday in her first public appearance since his shock election race exit, as Democrats rapidly coalesced around her to lead the party against Donald Trump in November.

In a strikingly symbolic moment, the Vice-President hosted a ceremony for college athletes at the White House while Mr. Biden remained stuck in isolation with COVID at his Delaware beach house.

A flood of Democratic leaders has backed 59-year-old Harris as the party's new candidate for November's election, building momentum for a lightning-fast coronation despite some calls to show transparency with an open primary.

In a first: U.S. Vice-President Kamala Harris on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, U.S., on Monday. REUTERS

But America's first Black woman Vice President did not mention her sudden elevation to likely presidential candidate, and kept the focus instead on Mr. Biden and the achievements of his one-term presidency.

"Joe Biden's legacy of accomplishment over the past three years is unmatched in modern history," Ms. Harris said in her brief remarks on the White House South Lawn.

Ms. Harris will make a first trip to campaign headquarters in Wilmington, Delaware, later on Monday.

'Let's win this'

Mr. Biden finally stepped aside from the 2024 race on Sunday after three weeks of pressure sparked by a disastrous debate performance that raised fears about his age and mental acuity. He immediately endorsed Ms. Harris, and earlier on Monday a slew of Democratic heavyweights added their backing, including a number seen as potential picks for her running mate.

"Let's win this," posted Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer.

Additional endorsements Monday, including Maryland Gov. Wes Moore, Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker, and Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear, left a dwindling list of potential rivals to Ms. Harris.

Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, who had been one of the notable holdouts to Ms. Harris, initially encouraging a primary to strengthen the eventual nominee, endorsed Ms. Harris Monday. Ms. Pelosi said she was lending her "enthusiastic support" to Ms. Harris' effort to lead the party.

(With inputs from Associated Press)

Bangladesh student group suspends protests for 48 hours

Agence France-Presse
DHAKA

A curfew has been imposed and soldiers are patrolling cities across the country

The Bangladeshi student group leading demonstrations that have spiralled into deadly violence suspended protests on Monday for 48 hours, with its leader saying they had not wanted reform "at the expense of so much blood".

What began as demonstrations against politicised admission quotas for sought-after government jobs snowballed into some of the worst unrest of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's tenure. A curfew has been imposed and soldiers are patrolling cities across the country, while a nationwide internet blackout since Thursday has drastically restricted the flow of information to the outside world.

"We are suspending the shutdown protests for 48 hours," Nahid Islam, the top leader of the main protest organiser Students Against Discrimination, said. "We demand that during this period the government withdraws the curfew, restores the internet and stops targeting the student protesters."

On Sunday, the Supreme Court pared back the number of reserved jobs for specific groups, including the descendants of "freedom fighters" from Bangladesh's 1971 liberation war against Pakistan.

At least 163 people have died in clashes.

UAE jails 53 Bangladesh nationals over protests

Associated Press
DUBAI

A court in the United Arab Emirates sentenced dozens of Bangladeshi nationals to prison, including three for life imprisonment, over protests against their home government in the Gulf country, state media reported Monday.

The Abu Dhabi Federal Court of Appeal on Sunday handed 10-year prison sentences to 53 Bangladeshi nationals and an 11-year term to another Bangladeshi national, in addition to the life imprisonments, according to the Emirates News Agency, WAM. It ordered the deportation of the Bangladeshis from the UAE following their prison terms. On Saturday, authorities ordered an expedited trial of the arrested Bangladeshis.

Philippines 'cannot yield' in territorial disputes: Marcos

Agence France-Presse
MANILA

The Philippines "cannot yield" in territorial disputes, President Ferdinand Marcos said on Monday, after a series of escalating confrontations with Beijing in the South China Sea.

Manila is locked in a longstanding territorial row with Beijing over parts of the strategic waterway through which trillions of dollars worth of trade passes annually.

Without naming China, Mr. Marcos said the Philippines would continue to "find ways to de-escalate tensions in contested areas... without compromising our position and our principles". "The Philippines cannot yield. The Philippines cannot waver," Mr. Marcos said in his annual State of the Nation address to Congress.

His remarks came after the Philippines and China agreed to a "provisional arrangement" for resupply missions to Filipino troops stationed at Second Thomas Shoal, which has been the focus of violent clashes in recent months.

Beijing claims almost the entire South China Sea.

Ties with China

Philippine relations with China have been turbulent since Mr. Marcos took office in 2022 vowing to defend his country's claims to the South China Sea.

A series of clashes between Philippine and Chinese vessels at flashpoint reefs have fuelled fears of a conflict that could drag in the U.S. owing to its mutual defence treaty with Manila.

Israel orders evacuation of part of Gaza safe zone

Associated Press
DEIR AL-BALAH

The Israeli military ordered the evacuation on Monday of part of a crowded area in the Gaza Strip it had designated a humanitarian zone, saying it is planning an operation against Hamas militants there.

Thousands of Palestinians, many carrying backpacks and accompanied by children, walked down dusty roads under the scorching sun, navigating dilapidated cars with belongings tied on top.

Many Palestinians have been uprooted multiple times in search of safety during Israeli's air and ground campaign.

In search of safety: Palestinian civilians flee from the eastern districts of Khan Younis following evacuation orders. AFP

"We do not know where we are walking," said Kholoud Al Dadas. "This is the seventh or eighth time we have been displaced. While we were sleeping in our homes, they started shooting at us."

The Israeli military said it is planning to begin an operation against Hamas militants who have embedded themselves in the area and used it to launch rockets toward Israel. The area includes the eastern part of the Muwasi humanitarian zone in the southern Gaza Strip.

Limited aid access

Earlier this month, Israel estimated at least 1.8 million Palestinians are now in the humanitarian zone it declared. That's the bulk of Gaza's 2.3 million population. Much of the area is blanketed with tent camps that lack sanitation and medical facilities and have limited access to aid, U.N. and humanitarian groups say. Families live amid mountains of trash and streams contaminated by sewage.

Gaza's Health Ministry said the toll from Israel's nine-month war against Hamas in Gaza has surpassed 39,000 Palestinians killed and 89,800 wounded. The war began with an assault by Hamas militants on southern Israel on October 7 that killed 1,200 people and took about 250 hostages. About 120 remain held, about a third of them believed to be dead, according to Israeli authorities.

Sport

ICC forms committee to review conduct of T20 World Cup

Press Trust of India
COLOMBO

The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Monday formed a three-member committee to "review the delivery" of the T20 World Cup which was co-hosted by the USA and the West Indies last month.

The committee features former New Zealand batter Roger Twose and two other directors Lawson Naidoo and Imran Khwaja, who is the deputy chair of the ICC.

"The ICC Board confirmed that there will be a review into the delivery of the ICC T20 World Cup. This will be overseen by three directors, who will report back to the Board later in the year," an ICC release stated.

It is understood that ICC incurred losses in excess of $20 million for conducting matches in New York, Florida and Dallas.

It is learnt that the allocated budget for the US leg of the tournament was around $150 million and it was found that the budget had overshot by a fair distance.

Poor quality of drop-in pitches, ticketing system and the logistical issues added to the ICC's woes.

It is understood that the role of some top ICC executives will also be thoroughly looked into by the committee.

Miss Maya takes the honours in first division of Osman Sagar Cup

RACING

HYDERABAD: Trainer R.H. Sequeira's Miss Maya, ridden by Akshay Kumar won the Osman Sagar Cup (Div. I), the feature event of the opening day's races of the Hyderabad Monsoon Races here on Monday (July 22).

The winner is owned by M/s. Chitturi Krishna Kannaiah, Soma Raju Adipudi, Sureshbabu Daggubati & Venkatesh Daggubati.

Trainer Sequeira stole the limelight by saddling three more winners on the day.

1. CON AMORE PLATE (DIV. I): STAR OF NIGHT (Sandesh) 1, Nonpariel (Vikrant) 2, Desert Hero (Kuldeep Singh (Sr.)) 3 and Rolls Royce (R.S. Jodha) 4. Not run: Brilliant Blue. 3-1/4, 2-1/2 and Neck 1m, 8.56s. ₹14 (w), 11, 49 and 21 (p). SHP: 163, THP: 71, SHW: 13 and 113, FP: 373, Q: 262, Tanala: 2,049. Favourite: Star Of Night. Owner: Mr. C. Aryama Sundaram. Trainer: R.H. Sequeira.

2. CON AMORE PLATE (DIV. II): ESPIONAGE (Kuldeep Singh (Sr.)) 1, Uchchaihshravas (G. Naresh) 2, Gatiman (Mohit Singh) 3 and Clarity (P. Trevor) 4. 1/2, 3-3/4 and 1/2. 1m, 9.40s. ₹283 (w), 36, 59 and 22 (p). SHP: 297, THP: 59, SHW: 69 and 103, FP: 5,955, Q: 3,366, Tanala 47,020 (c/o). Favourite: Clarity. Owners: Mr. Prakash Babu, Mr. P. Ranga Raju, Mrs. T. Rohini. Trainer: D. Netto.

3. SCARLET PRINCE PLATE: DUKE OF TUSCANY (P. Trevor) 1, Oliver's Mount (Afroz Khan) 2, Warwick (Ashad Asbar) 3 and Dapper Look (Akshay Kumar) 4. 3-1/2, 2-3/4 and 5-1/4. 1m, 28.22s. ₹15 (w), 14, 20 and 42 (p). SHP: 48, THP: 123, SHW: 15 and 31, FP: 60, Q: 60, Tanala: 1,222. Favourite: Duke Of Tuscany. Owners: M/s. K.N. Dhunjibhoy & Z.K. Dhunjibhoy rep. Five Stars Shipping Company Pvt. Ltd. & Mr. Rama Seshu Eyunni. Trainer: Laxman Singh.

4. ADILABAD PLATE: BORN BRAVE (Akshay Kumar) 1, Deccan Spirit (Mohit Singh) 2, Imperia (Deepak Singh) 3 and Calista Girl (Shivansh) 4. Not run: Fatuma and Dali's Champion. 1-1/4, 2 and 5. 1m, 8.24s. ₹32 (w), 16, 19 and 28 (p). SHP: 52, THP: 72, SHW: 17 and 21, FP: 174, Q: 104, Tanala: 2,003. Favourite: Calistoga. Owners: Mr. Donald Anthony Netto & Mr. Rajendran rep. Rapar's Galloping LLP. Trainer: D. Netto.

5. P.M. BOKDAWALLA MEMORIAL CUP (DIV. II): BLAZING GUN (Mohit Singh) 1, Kalki (Abhay Singh) 2, Encore (Md. Ekram Alam) 3 and Reigning Beauty (Mukesh Kumar) 4. Not run: D Yes Boss and Classical Music. 2-1/4, Shd and 1-1/2. 1m, 15.37s. ₹135 (w), 24, 13 and 23 (p). SHP: 39, THP: 47, SHW: 28 and 19, FP: 443, Q: 131, Tanala: 7,527. Favourite: Kalki. Owners: Col. M.P. Singh & Mr. K. Ram Gopal Rao. Trainer: Magan Singh.

6. OSMAN SAGAR CUP (DIV. II): N R I SUPERPOWER (Abhay Singh) 1, Last Wish (Ashad Asbar) 2, Enabling (Arjun) 3 and High Command (Kuldeep Singh (Jr)) 4. Neck, 2-1/2 and 3/4. 1m, 15.02s. ₹364 (w), 50, 18 and 12 (p). SHP: 59, THP: 51, SHW: 53 and 29 (p). FP: 3,654, Q: 629, Tanala: 17,362. Favourite: Enabling. Owner: Mr. Ravinder Reddy Male. Trainer: R.H. Sequeira.

7. OSMAN SAGAR CUP (DIV. I): MISS MAYA (Akshay Kumar) 1, Maverick (Likhit Appu) 2, Best Buddy (Md. Ekram Alam) 3 and Lucky Zone (Surya Prakash) 4. 5-1/2, 3-1/2 and 1/2. 1m, 14.39s. ₹28 (w), 16, 17 and 12 (p). SHP: 61, THP: 50, SHW: 17 and 33, FP: 120, Q: 89, Tanala: 696. Favourite: Kenaf. Owners: M/s. Chitturi Krishna Kannaiah, Soma Raju Adipudi, Sureshbabu Daggubati & Venkatesh Daggubati. Trainer: R.H. Sequeira.

8. P.M. BOKDAWALLA MEMORIAL CUP (DIV. I): DIVINE PROPHECY (A. Sandesh) 1, Wallop And Gallop (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 2, Adbhut (Mukesh Kumar) 3 and Nucleus (Mohit Singh) 4. 6-3/4, 2 and 1-1/4. 1m, 13.90s. ₹14 (w), 11, 80 and 17 (p). SHP: 194, THP: 53, SHW: 13 and 100, FP: 281, Q: 244, Tanala: 3,401. Favourite: Divine Prophecy. Owners: Mr. C. Aryama Sundaram & M/s. Mukteshwar Racing LLP. Trainer: R.H. Sequeira.

9. TENACITY PLATE: AMERICAN FLAME (Akshay Kumar) 1, Nav Lakhaa (Kuldeep Singh (Jr)) 2, Bien Pensant (Surya Prakash) 3 and Blue Label (R.S. Jodha) 4. Not run: Catchmeifyoucan and Setastar. 2-3/4, 5 and 2. 1m, 16.27s. ₹23 (w), 12, 21 and 22 (p). SHP: 83, THP: 49, SHW: 19 and 86, FP: 234, Q: 102, Tanala: 2,879. Favourite: American Flame. Owners: M/s. Tekula Chandra Reddy, G. Krishnamohan Rao & K. Hemachandrudu. Trainer: M. Srinivas Reddy.

Jackpot: (i) 70%: ₹31,027 (2 tkts.) & 30%: 1,564 (17 tkts.); (ii) 70%: 1,62,171 (3 tkts.) &30%: 20,850 (10 tkts.).

Mini Jackpot: (i) 1,40,223 (c/o), (ii) 6,240 (12 tkts.).

Treble: (i) 3,200 (6 tkts.), (ii) 16,235 (c/o), (iii) 81 (652 tkts.).

India boys', girls' teams go down in last eight

SQUASH

Sports Bureau

The Indian boys' and girls' teams lost in the quarterfinals of the World junior squash's team competition on Sunday.

Seeded sixth, the boys went down 1-2 to fourth-ranked South Korea while the girls lost by an identical margin to third seed Malaysia. Yuvraj Wadhwani got the Indian boys off to a winning start with a 3-2 victory over Seojin Oh. However, Shaurya Bawa went down to individual silver medallist Joo Young Na in four games. In the decider, Kun Kim proved too strong for K.S. Arihant.

In the girls' clash, Anahat Singh won 3-2 against Thanusaa Uthrian after Shameena Riaz lost to Whitney Wilson. In the decider, Nirupama Dubey lost to Doyce Ye San Lee.

India results, quarterfinals: Boys: Lost to South Korea 1-2 (Yuvraj Wadhwani bt Seojin Oh 11-7, 4-11, 7-11, 11-7, 11-6; Shaurya Bawa lost to Joo Young Na 9-11, 11-6, 9-11, 6-11; K.S. Arihant lost to Kun Kim 7-11, 6-11, 9-11). **Girls: India lost to Malaysia 1-2** (Shameena Riaz lost to Whitney Wilson 7-11, 3-11, 10-12; Anahat Singh bt Thanusaa Uthrian 6-11, 15-13, 11-6, 5-11, 11-6; Nirupama Dubey lost to Doyce Ye San Lee 7-11, 11-7, 11-5, 10-12, 3-11).

LIVE TELECAST

Women's Asia Cup: Star Sports 3 & Hotstar, 2 p.m.; India vs Nepal, 7 p.m.

TNPL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & FanCode, 7.15 p.m.

UP FOR IT

We are ready to host the Games, says France President Macron

AFP

President Emmanuel Macron said France was ready to host the Paris Olympics as he visited the Athletes' Village on Monday, four days before the Games begin. "We are ready and we will be ready throughout the Games," Macron said. The Games return to the French capital for the first time since 1924.

COVETED HONOUR

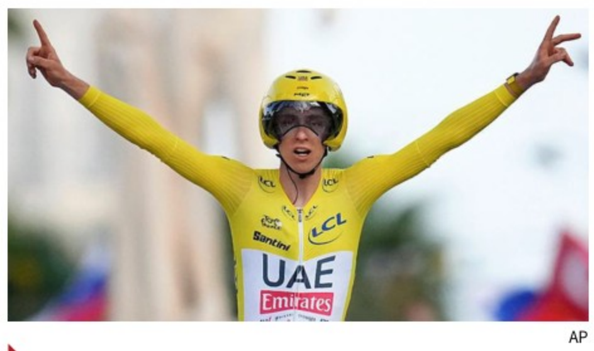
IOC confers the Olympic Order on shooter Abhinav Bindra

SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Olympic gold medal-winning shooter Abhinav Bindra has been awarded with the Olympic Order by the International Olympic Committee for his outstanding services to the Olympic Movement. The award ceremony will be held during the 142nd IOC Session in Paris on August 10, a day before the closing of the Olympics.

FATIGUED

Tour de France winner Pogacar pulls out of the Olympics



AP

Tour de France winner Tadej Pogacar on Monday pulled out of the Paris Olympics citing 'tiredness', his Slovenia team announced. "Unfortunately Tadej Pogacar has cancelled his participation because of a state of extreme fatigue," Slovenian Olympic cycling coach Uros Murn said in a statement.

NEW WEAPON

There's a lot to learn for me, says England off-spinner Bashir

AFP

The 20-year-old off-spinner Shoaib Bashir insisted he's still learning "the tricks of the trade". "There's a lot to work on, in cricket you never complete the game. I'm just grateful to be in the position I am. I'm always going to stay grounded and I'm just trying to enjoy every moment I have in an England shirt."

Indian archers set to miss out on Baek's inputs

The South Korean coach has not got the accreditation to guide a hard-working team which booked quota places after 12 years through World rankings and is keen to open the account

PARIS 2024

COUNTDOWN

Y.B. Sarangi

A well-planned and smooth build-up seems to have hit a roadblock for the Indian archery team with foreign coach Baek Woong Ki not getting accreditation to guide the team at the Paris Olympics.

India, which has never been able to win an Olympic medal in archery, booked men and women quota places after 12 years through the World rankings and is keen to open the account.

As the Archery Association of India (AAI) and Indian Olympic Association (IOA) are engaged in a blame game over Baek not getting an accreditation, the absence of the expert Korean coach could deny the Indians crucial inputs during crunch situations.

Fourth Olympics

The archers, including seasoned Tarundeep Rai and Deepika Kumari who will compete in their fourth Olympics, have put in a lot of hard work, going through multi-phase selection trials and several competitions.

They claimed team medals in the Asian Games last year and medalled in two of the three World Cups this year. The men's team, comprising B. Dhiraj, Tarundeep and Pravin Jadhav, beating World champion Korea in the final to take the World Cup Stage-1 in Shanghai was a morale-boosting moment.

Deepika's silver in Shanghai and Dhiraj winning two medals, including an individual bronze beating Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Mauro Nespoli and a mixed team bronze with Bhajan Kaur, in the World Cup Stage-3 in Antalya in June were exciting results.

The women's team and individually Ankita Bhakat's fourth place finishes in Antalya also brought positivity.

The archers understand that controlling the mind will be crucial. However, the unavailability of psychologist Gayatri Madkekar due to visa issues has come as another jolt in the final phase of their preparations.

India eyes medals in team events as the men and women competitions will feature 12 countries and the mixed team event will have 16 sides.

Paris is a 'lucky' city for the Indians as they have landed medals in each World Cup Stage held there in the last three years. Conditions in the French capital are expected to suit them.

It remains to be seen whether they overcome the odds to make their outing memorable.

The squad:

Men: B. Dhiraj, Tarundeep Rai, and Pravin Jadhav.

Women: Bhajan Kaur, Deepika Kumari, and Ankita Bhakat.

Ready to shoot: The Indian archery squad on its arrival in Paris for the Games. X@WEARETEAMINDIA

It's good for TRP but my relationship with Kohli is not public, says Gambhir

Long innings ahead: The head coach suggested that stalwarts Kohli and Rohit have a lot of cricket left in them and could even feature in the 2027 ODI World Cup. FILE PHOTO: K.R. DEEPAK

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

In his first public appearance as the India head coach, Gautam Gambhir stressed on veterans Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli having "a lot of cricket left in them". Gambhir even hinted at the possibility of the duo featuring in the 2027 ODI World Cup.

"I think they have shown what they can deliver on the big stage, whether it's the T20 World Cup or the 50-over World Cup as well," Gambhir said here on Monday, minutes before the team's departure for the limited-overs series in Sri Lanka.

"One thing I can be very clear of is that both those guys have a lot of cricket left in them. More importantly, with the Champions Trophy (in 2025) and a big tour of Australia (towards year-end), obviously they would be motivated enough. And then, hopefully, if they can keep their fitness, the 2027 World Cup as well.

"But this is a very personal decision. I can't say how much cricket is left in them. Ultimately, it's up to them as well, it's up to the players. How much can they contribute to the side's success. Because, ultimately, it's the team that is important.

World-class players

"But looking at what Kohli and Rohit can deliver, I think they still have a lot of cricket (left to play). They are still world-class players and obviously any team would want to have both of them for as long as possible."

Moments after India reclaimed the T20 World Cup after 17 years, the duo retired from T20Is. Gambhir and his visibly frosty relationship with Kohli on the field, especially in the Indian Premier League, has raised doubts over their relationship in the India dressing room.

Team goal

The head coach, however, made no bones clear about two professionals working towards the team goal.

"It's good for the TRP, but our relationship is not public. What kind of a relationship I share with Kohli... I think it's between two mature individuals," Gambhir said.

"On the field, everyone has the right to fight for their own jersey and come back to a winning dressing room.

"But at the moment, we are representing India and 140 crore Indians. I am sure we are going to be on the same page and try and make India proud. I share a very good relationship (with Kohli) off the field and will continue to do that."

Gambhir confirms Nayar and ten Doeschate as assistant coaches

Gautam's philosophy: Gambhir, seen with Agarkar, feels a happy dressing room is a winning one. EMMANUAL YOGINI

Sports Bureau
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Gautam Gambhir, India's head coach, confirmed that he will have two new assistants in Abhishek Nayar and Ryan ten Doeschate, the duo he was associated with at Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) for the Indian Premier League (IPL)'s 2024 edition.

"This is going to be the crux of the support staff, but there's still one month after the Sri Lanka tour to finalise (others)," Gambhir said on Monday, just before the squad departed for three T20Is and three ODIs starting over the weekend.

"I have worked with people like Ryan and Abhishek in the last two months in the IPL, enjoyed working with them, thorough professionals. Hopefully, we can have a successful tenure as coaches. Hearing good feedback about other guys as well."

Besides the duo, T. Dilip has been reappointed as fielding coach while Sairaj Bahutule, who was a member of the support staff in Zimbabwe, will be the bowling coach in Sri Lanka.

Nayar and ten Doeschate.

Barring ten Doeschate – who will join the team in Pallekele – the others travelled with the squad to Colombo on Monday.

It is understood that Dilip is likely to be the lone survivor from Rahul Dravid's coaching staff while Morne Morkel is the frontrunner for the bowling coach's post.

Gambhir, one of the architects of India's World T20 and World Cup triumphs in 2007 and 2011, took a lot of positives from his IPL mentorship stints and spelt out his coaching philosophy.

"My learning has been simple – it has been all about winning. I don't deviate from something. We are in a profession where there can be only one winner. We try and play fair, we try and play hard and try and come back in a winning dressing room and a happy dressing room," he said.

"A happy dressing room is a winning dressing room. Ultimately it is the players' team, support staff is there to try and get the maximum out of their potential. Some days international cricket can be tough, can be insecure as well because only 15 can keep. It is the job of support staff to keep them happy."

You want a captain who is likely to play all games: Agarkar

Positive sign: Suryakumar gets a thumbs up as he leaves for the Sri Lanka series. EMMANUAL YOGINI

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

Almost a week after Suryakumar Yadav was preferred over Hardik Pandya as India's T20 captain, chairman of selection committee Ajit Agarkar has spelt out the reasons.

Referring to Suryakumar as "one of the best T20 batters in the world," Agarkar stated that Hardik's fitness concerns, his availability issues and dressing room feedback resulted in Suryakumar being looked at Rohit Sharma's successor in the shortest format.

"Surya is one of the deserving candidates. He has been around the group over the last year, we get feedback from the dressing room a lot. Good cricket brain, and one of the best T20 batters in the world," Agarkar said, with new head coach Gautam Gambhir by his side.

"One of the main issues was that you want a captain who is likely to play all the games. We think he is a deserving candidate and hopefully we will see over time how he develops into the role."

Besides his frequent fitness issues, Hardik has predominantly been playing only T20Is for India in the recent past, with multiple breaks in between.

"You get feedback from the dressing room as well, and the biggest thing is that the captain should be on the park is a prerequisite. Hopefully Surya does it," Agarkar said.

The former pacer – who along with Gambhir – was a part of India's World T20-winning squad in 2007, backed Hardik, the all-rounder to the hilt.

"As for Hardik, he is still an important player for us. We want him to be the player he can be, because those sort of skill sets are difficult to find," Agarkar said.

"Fitness has been a challenge for him over the last few years. Then it becomes a bit difficult for the coach as well as the selectors. We have now got a bit more time till the next T20 World Cup (in 2026) where we can look at a few things. He is an important player and his performances are more important for us."

INBRIEF

Athapaththu's ton sets up Lanka's win over Malaysia

Chamari Athapaththu's (119 n.o.) helped Sri Lanka beat Malaysia by 144 runs in the women's Asia Cup in Dambulla on Monday.

The scores: Sri Lanka 184/4 in 20 overs (Athapaththu 119 n.o., Sanjeewani 31, Duraisingam 2/34) bt Malaysia 40 in 19.5 overs (Kavindi 2/7, Gimhani 3/9, Dilhari 2/4).

ICC puts USA Cricket on notice for 'non-compliance'

The International Cricket Council put USA Cricket on notice on Monday to comply with the world body's membership rules, just weeks after the country co-hosted the T20 World Cup. The US board and Cricket Chile "have been formally put on notice and have 12 months to rectify their current non-compliance with ICC Membership Criteria", the ICC said in a statement.

Fils upsets Zverev in a three-setter to clinch crown

France's Arthur Fils came out on top after a gruelling three-set encounter with Alexander Zverev to win the Hamburg Open on Sunday, defeating the hometown player 6-3, 3-6, 7-6(1). After victory in Lyon last year, it is the 20-year-old's second ATP title.

Randhir emerges sole candidate for top post in OCA

Randhir Singh is set to become the first Indian to head the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) after emerging the sole candidate for the top post for the September 8 elections. The 77-year-old, a former member of the IOC and ex secretary general of IOA, was currently serving as the acting chief of the continental sports apex body. "Randhir Singh is the sole eligible candidate to be nominated for election of the OCA General Assembly on September 8," the OCA said.

LeBron James to be USA's male flag-bearer at Olympics

LeBron James, the NBA's all-time leading points scorer, will be the male flagbearer for Team USA at the Paris Olympics. James, 39, was picked by his fellow US Olympians for Friday's ceremony. He is the third basketball player after Dawn Staley (Athens 2004) and Sue Bird (Tokyo 2020) to carry the U.S. flag at the start of an Olympics.

Giron downs Michelsen to capture his first ATP title

Paris Olympics-bound Marcos Giron, 31, captured his first ATP title on Sunday, defeating fellow American Alex Michelsen 6-7(4), 6-3, 7-5 to win the Hall of Fame Open final in Newport. He is the ninth player to win his first ATP title this year.

Goalkeeper Sreejesh to retire after Paris Olympics

The veteran, who will be playing in his fourth Summer Games, has been India's talisman ever since he shot into the spotlight in the final of the inaugural Asian Champions Trophy in 2011

HOCKEY

Uthra Ganesan
NEW DELHI

Back on the podium! Sreejesh peaked at the Tokyo Olympics where India finished with a medal after a long gap. FILE PHOTO: PTI

Eighteen years and 328 international games since he made his debut as a scrawny 18-year-old, P.R. Sreejesh announced that the Paris Olympics would be his last appearance in India colours.

The 36-year old, playing his fourth Olympics, took to social media to announce his retirement and relive his journey over the years. "One last ride," he signed off.

Hockey India (HI) released the official confirmation soon after, declaring that the Indian team, already in Paris, had decided to keep "Win it for Sreeejsh" as their tagline for the Olympic campaign.

One of the highest-capped Indian players and the highest-capped current goalkeeper in the world, Sreejesh has been India's talisman ever since first coming into the spotlight in the final of the inaugural Asian Champions Trophy in 2011, peaking at the 2021 Tokyo Olympics to end Indian hockey's medal drought with a bronze.

With four Olympic Games and World Cups each and three Commonwealth Games and Asian Games, Sreejesh's medal cabinet boasts of two golds (2014, 2023) and a bronze (2018) at the Asian Games, two silvers (2014, 2022) at the CWG, four golds (2011, 2016, 2018, 2023) and a silver (2012) in the Asian Champions Trophy, gold at the 2019 FIH World Series Finals, bronze (2014) in the now-defunct FIH World League, two silvers (2016, 2018) at the erstwhile elite Champions Trophy, all topped with the Olympic bronze (2021), forever highlighted by his save in the final six seconds of the game. A missing World Cup medal, though, remains his biggest regret.

> As I prepare for my last dance in Paris, I look back with immense pride and forward with hope. This journey has been extraordinary

Off the field, Sreejesh was awarded the Padma Shri in 2017, the Khel Ratna in 2021 and won back-to-back FIH Goalkeeper of the Year awards in 2021 and 2022.

"As I prepare for my last dance in Paris, I look back with immense pride and forward with hope. This journey has been nothing short of extraordinary, and I am forever grateful for the love and support from my family, teammates, coaches, fans and Hockey India. Thank you for believing in me," the goalkeeper wrote.

"Saying goodbye to a beloved game after decades of playing is never easy. I've witnessed a young and energetic goalkeeper from Kerala evolve into a global hockey icon. He made his international debut when I was captaining the Indian side. He is a very special player and this outing in Paris will certainly be a special one for the team," HI president and former captain Dilip Tirkey said.

New role

While it is early days yet, Sreejesh has made no secret of his wish to mould future generations of players as a coach and is likely to be back in the national set up in a new role soon after the Olympics.

Dunlap — first in PGA Tour history to win as an amateur and a pro in the same year

Unique feat: Dunlap with Barracuda Championship trophy on Sunday and The American Express Cup in January. AFP

GOLF

Associated Press
TRUCKEE (USA)

Nick Dunlap became the first player in PGA Tour history to win as an amateur and a professional in the same year, rallying on Sunday for a two-point victory in the Barracuda Championship.

At The American Express in La Quinta in January, the 20-year-old Dunlap – then a sophomore at the University of Alabama – became the eighth amateur to win a Tour event and the first in 33 years. He turned professional days later.

Vince Whaley finished second, making a 17-foot birdie putt on par-4 18th for a nine-point day. Patrick Fishburn had 46 points.

'I am more confident than I was in Tokyo'

TABLE TENNIS

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Wiser after her maiden Olympics appearance in Tokyo, Indian table tennis star Manika Batra on Monday said she is focused on taking one match at a time in the upcoming Paris Games and a medal will not be in her mind in the initial rounds.

Manika said she has learned from her Tokyo Games experience.

"I have learned many things from the last Olympics, and I am not going to make those mistakes again. My mindset has changed since then, I am calmer and have more confidence in myself," said Manika. I have been working on my stamina and my agility, and my ultimate aim is to challenge for a medal. But I will go slowly. I will go round by round and not think of a medal too early. I will give my best for my country," Manika added.

She played an instrumental role in the women's team qualifying for the Paris Olympics, a first for Indian table tennis.

Manika also reached the quarter-finals of the WTT Saudi Smash in May.

"India has qualified for the first time (for the Olympics), this is a huge achievement. I am really happy with how we are working together (at the camp). I think we have a shot at the medal and we should give our best," said Manika.

"The growth of women's table tennis in India is really inspiring. I see many of my fellow players playing really well. Everyone in the team is motivated and training very hard. Women's table tennis in India will only grow further," she said.

High-flying India keen to extend its winning run against Nepal

ASIA CUP

Press Trust of India
DAMBULLA

Buoyant India will look to extend its winning run and seal a semifinal berth when it faces Nepal in its final Group- A Women's T20 Asia Cup match here on Tuesday.

Nepal hardly has any time to recover from the thrashing it received at the hands of Pakistan in its previous outing on Sunday,

While India is primed to enter the last-four, Pakistan improved its Net Run Rate with the comfortable win over Nepal lifting it to the second spot in Group-A.

India has flexed their muscles in both batting and bowling so far in the tournament, and is likely to continue in the same vein come Tuesday.

Pocket rocket: Richa's new-found aggression has been a blessing for India. PTI

If the swashbuckling opening duo of Smriti Mandhana and Shafali Verma fired with the bat in the victory over Pakistan, after the bowlers' excellent display, skipper Harmanpret Kaur and Richa Ghosh led the show in the middle-order in the hammering of the UAE. While Harmanpreet played the anchor's role to perfection, it was Richa's blazing knock which helped India score its first-ever 200-plus total in T20Is.

As far as the bowling is concerned, the likes of Renuka Singh, Pooja Vastrakar and Deepti Sharma have been doing a wonderful job of both containing runs and taking wickets.

The Indu Barma-led Nepal, which started the tournament with a historic six-wicket victory over the UAE, is well aware of the task.

The teams (from):

India: Harmanpreet Kaur (Capt.), Smriti Mandhana, Shafali Verma, Jemimah Rodrigues, Richa Ghosh (wk), Uma Chetry (wk), Pooja Vastrakar, Deepti Sharma, Arundhati Reddy, Renuka Singh, D. Hemalatha, Asha Sobhana, Radha Yadav, Tanuja Kanwar, and Sajana Sajeevan.

Nepal: Indu Barma (Capt.), Kajol Shrestha, Rubina Chettri, Sabnam Rai, Sita Rana Magar, Rajmati Airee, Puja Mahato, Bindu Rawal, Roma Thapa, Mamta Chaudhary, Kabita Joshi, Kabita Kunwar, Dolly Bhatta, Kritika Marasini, and Samjhana Khadka.

Match starts at 7 p.m. IST.

KSFA official dismisses collapse of a portion of BFS as 'minor incident'

FOOTBALL

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

A portion of the Bangalore Football Stadium (BFS) collapsed during the final of the Chief Minister Cup f final here on Sunday.

During the match between Shanthi Nagar MLA Constituency and C.V. Raman Nagar MLA Constituency, a section of the stands above a team dug out came apart. Video footage shows spectators seated in that area fall down onto the ground. The extent of injuries caused by the fall is not immediately known.

A Karnataka State Football Association (KSFA) office-bearer attempted to play down the mishap as a minor incident, and claimed that no one was injured.

"What collapse are you talking about? There was no collapse. Nothing major happened, and there were no injuries," the senior KSFA official said.

The match was completed, with Shanthi Nagar MLA Constituency emerging as champion. N.A. Haris, KSFA President and AIFF Vice President, was among the chief guests who distributed the prizes.

KWL starts

On Monday, the BFS witnessed the start of the KSFA Karnataka Women's League. Three matches were held on Monday. The BFS has long been in a state of disrepair.

Bengaluru FC (BFC) played its inaugural season at BFS, before moving to the Sree Kanteerava Stadium. The BFS continues to host matches in the top State men's and women's leagues, the I-League 2 and the Indian Women's League.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Shanthinagar triumphs

Shanthinagar edged out CV Raman Nagar 5-4 on penalties to clinch the Chief Minister's Cup football tournament on Sunday.

The result (final): Shanthinagar 1 (V. Vignesh 61) drew with CV Raman Nagar 1 (M. Nikhil Raj 35+2) [Shanthinagar won 5-4 on penalties].

Special awards:

Most valuable player: Appu Arogyaswamy (Shanthinagar); **Top goalscorer:** Nikhil Raj Murugesh Kumar (CV Raman Nagar, 6); **Best playmaker:** N. Yothi (Sarvagnanagar).

Best defender: E. Britto (Shivajinagar).

Best goalkeeper: S. Mohan (Sarvagnanagar).

Winning feeling! Shanthinagar claimed the Chief Minister's Cup football tournament title. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Kushbu nets five as Kemp routs Kodagu

Kushbu Saroj scored five goals as Kemp FC thrashed Kodagu FC 8-2 in the Karnataka Women's League football on Monday.

The results: Kickstart FC 5 (Renu 36, Maitreyi Palasamudram 40, Karishma Purushotam 45+1, 88, Aarushi Santosh 56) bt Roots FC 1 (Y. Poojitha 79); Bengaluru FC 2 (Fatima Braganza 52, 75) bt Misaka United FC 1 (S. Kavya 28); Kemp FC 8 (Amisha Baxla 7, Khushbu Saroj 41, 49, 65, 70, 81, Rivka Ramji 59, Lalnunsiami 78) bt Kodagu FC 2 (Mangpieng Khongsai 2, 37).

Rajinder's 'trick does it for Canara

Rajinder Singh scored a hat-trick as Canara Bank defeated Postal 3-1 in the Hockey Karnataka League Championship on Monday.

The results: Customs & GST 3 (G. Vishwas 18, 59, Chiran Medappa 20) bt South Western Railway, Hubli 2 (Mohd Uzair 12, Pavan Madiwalar 37).

Canara Bank 3 (Rajinder Singh 6, 26, 48) bt Postal 1 (Sri Rama 19).